No. 1

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 8th January 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 8th January 1955, the births of 1,043 living children, and of 31 stillborn children, 488 marriages and 711 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 21.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.8 and the death-rate 14.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 29 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 4.0 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 6.5 less than in the previous week, and 4.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, but 2.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.9 in Falkirk and 17.1 in Aberdeen to 7.9 in Clydebank and 6.1 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Edinburgh 17.0 and in Perth 16.6. In Glasgow the rate was 14.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 13, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 more than in the previous week, and the latter 3 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 76, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, but 0.7 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 38, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 436, and are 19 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 43, and are 17 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 4th January 1955, was 16,722. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 35.8° being 8.8° below that for the previous week, and 3.4° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.26 inch, and the mean sunshine 1.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 1 — **Week ended SATURDAY, January 8th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	3	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	1	2	..	2	1	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	22
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Orkney C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	14
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	4	7	1	2	1	2	9	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	44
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	41	..	1	..	..	..	24	1	..	2	6	1	..	..	..	12	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	7

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
East Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	1	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	17	3	..	..	..	..	2
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	22	..	5	..	..	..	11	..	..	8	15	1	..	1	..	13	..	21	5	..	..	..	..	12
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	..	..	14	1	..	..	21	..	..	1	..	8	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	3
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	15	28	..	3	1	75	..	4	..	..	1	91	3	..	8	188	..	1	2	5	40	..	18	5	..	..	..	..	40
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	17	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	70	..	..	..	2	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	20	51	..	3	1	117	..	12	..	..	1	178	4	..	12	270	16	2	3	6	76	..	44	12	..	..	1	..	67
GRAND TOTAL	24	52	..	3	1	192	..	18	..	..	1	228	5	..	29	301	20	4	5	8	113	..	89	19	..	..	1	..	140

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 1

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 8, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 4, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1953	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 4th Jan. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,000	468	230	316	34	11	293	14.1	17	9	2	14	4	4	..	..	6	6	17	17	51	39	21	166	39	30	34.9	0.25	1.4	3,403
2. Edinburgh	470,500	150	51	169	25	9	153	17.0	7	4	..	5	3	1	..	2	..	..	7	11	23	20	8	97	40	31	35.6	0.20	0.0	1,819
3. Aberdeen .	185,500	65	28	66	10	5	61	17.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	12	11	7	42	40	29	35.5	0.48	0.7	483
4. Dundee .	177,500	63	27	60	11	4	53	15.6	2	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	3	3	3	2	8	3	3	36	40	24	35.1	0.42	5.7	617
5. Paisley .	94,500	36	15	23	8	1	16	8.8	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	3	..	10	41	30	36.7	0.08	0.0	312
6. Greenock .	77,300	41	15	25	4	1	22	14.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	15	41	31	36.6	0.02	0.1	391
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,600	31	7	8	3	6	11	8.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	485
8. Kirkcaldy	50,100	31	12	14	2	1	13	13.5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	334
9. Coatbridge	49,300	26	12	4	..	7	11	11.6	1	3	1	4	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	284
10. Dunfermline	45,300	14	11	16	7	2	11	12.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	8	41	29	36.3	0.43	0.0	491
11. Clydebank	46,400	29	13	7	2	2	7	7.9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	226
12. Ayr . .	42,400	15	10	9	4	..	5	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	218
13. Kilmarnock	42,800	13	5	15	5	1	11	13.4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	8	41	33	36.5	0.00	4.1	187
14. Perth .	40,800	13	15	15	4	2	13	16.6	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	9	40	23	34.9	0.45	2.1	208
15. Hamilton .	40,600	20	17	5	..	4	9	11.6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	472
16. Falkirk .	37,400	13	7	19	5	1	15	20.9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	289
17. Airdrie .	31,700	15	13	4	1	4	7	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	175
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 8, 1955.	2,586,800	1043	488	775	125	61	711	14.3	31	22	3	38	10	8	1	5	13	12	36	40	114	95	43	436	41†	23†	35.8‡	0.26‡	1.6‡	
Jan. 1, 1955.	2,586,800	844	810	708	99	72	681	13.7	23	20	3	37	3	8	..	4	9	9	24	31	100	124	26	417	53†	33†	44.6‡	0.46‡	3.3‡	
Jan. 9, 1954.	2,588,300	1198	501	836	129	67	774	15.6	31	26	4	54	2	6	1	5	21	20	36	58	103	109	41	445	52†	23†	36.5‡	0.12‡	13.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1952 § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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Week ended Saturday, 15th January 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 15th January 1955, the births of 889 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 254 marriages and 735 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.1 and the death-rate 14.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 3.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.8 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 4.7 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, but 2.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.3 in Ayr and 17.9 in Perth to 10.1 in Greenock and 8.5 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 17.1 and in Clydebank 16.8. In Glasgow the rate was 15.6 and in Edinburgh 15.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 4 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 18, of which 15 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 more than in the previous week, and the latter 3 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 73, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.9 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 44, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 25 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 467, and are 31 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 29, and are 14 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 11th January 1955, was 27,028. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 29.0° being 6.8° below that for the previous week, and 10.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.03 inches and the mean sunshine 13.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 2 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 15th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	18	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	35
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	34
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	3	..	..	1	18	..	..	2	15	3	..	..	..	14	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	90
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	2	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	8	6	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	41	..	4	..	..	..	8	7	..	3	8	..	1	..	1	10	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	16

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION.—																														
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	11	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	13
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	32	..	1	1	1	..	7	1	..	14	17	3	..	..	..	25	..	14	1	..	..	1	..	..	30
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	8	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	12	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	21	..	..	2	18	..	..	..	1	6	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	4	110	..	5	5	67	..	9	..	..	..	317	1	..	4	157	..	1	2	3	18	..	54	7	..	..	.	..	..	37
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	84	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	162	..	5	5	116	1	13	..	..	..	437	1	..	11	225	8	1	3	4	65	..	91	15	..	..	..	..	..	72
GRAND TOTAL	9	164	..	5	5	217	1	22	1	1	1	470	9	..	34	268	14	4	3	5	115	..	116	19	..	..	1	..	..	209

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 2

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 15, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 11, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1953	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 11th Jan. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,000	367	105	355	45	15	325	15.6	15	16	..	22	5	5	2	1	11	8	13	22	50	40	11	195	41	15	27.9	1.60	7.2	6,436
2. Edinburgh	470,500	135	48	146	19	11	138	15.3	6	2	..	3	1	..	..	2	3	3	5	11	22	22	3	100	42	20	29.5	1.32	17.9	2,409
3. Aberdeen	185,500	66	22	51	8	3	46	12.9	..	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	1	3	1	2	12	4	31	38	14	27.6	0.29	17.8	1,120
4. Dundee	177,500	58	19	57	7	3	53	15.6	1	3	1	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	4	10	10	4	35	37	16	26.6	0.54	19.9	1,254
5. Paisley	94,500	48	4	36	10	5	31	17.1	1	1	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	3	1	20	43	20	30.5	1.55	9.1	487
6. Greenock	77,300	25	10	20	5	..	15	10.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	1	11	43	23	31.6	1.65	8.3	778
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,600	31	6	13	1	3	15	11.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	762
8. Kirkcaldy	50,100	14	5	14	4	1	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	411
9. Coatbridge	49,300	17	3	8	..	3	11	11.6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	426
10. Dunfermline	45,300	24	5	9	2	3	10	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	40	15	28.0	0.71	13.2	438
11. Clydebank	46,400	21	3	12	3	6	15	16.8	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	366
12. Ayr	42,400	12	2	17	2	4	19	23.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	399
13. Kilmarnock	42,800	21	3	13	8	2	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	5	43	20	30.9	0.93	13.3	403
14. Perth	40,800	10	9	15	2	1	14	17.9	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	8	40	10	28.0	0.72	18.8	433
15. Hamilton	40,600	18	3	5	1	4	8	10.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	733
16. Falkirk	37,400	7	3	17	7	..	10	13.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	4	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	543
17. Airdrie	31,700	15	4	7	..	..	7	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	297
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 15, 1955.	2,586,800	889	254	795	124	64	735	14.8	26	25	3	44	7	7	5	4	18	15	25	48	105	115	29	467	43†	10†	29.0‡	1.03‡	13.9‡	
Jan. 8, 1955.	2,586,800	1043	488	775	125	61	711	14.3	31	22	3	38	10	8	1	5	13	12	36	40	114	95	43	436	41†	23†	35.8‡	0.26‡	1.6‡	
Jan. 16, 1954.	2,588,300	879	225	808	131	77	754	15.2	38	14	2	27	1	3	4	2	26	23	30	54	130	81	33	471	51†	31†	41.4‡	1.27‡	10.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1952 § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 3

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 22nd January 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 22nd January 1955, the births of 921 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 265 marriages and 876 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.6 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.3 and the death-rate 17.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average. The death-rate is 2.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.6 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 27.9 in Falkirk and 23.0 in Perth to 9.0 in Clydebank and 7.4 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 21.0 and in Edinburgh 20.5. In Glasgow the rate was 17.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 4 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, of which 14 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 118, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 37, being 7 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 554, and are 87 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 32, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 18th January 1955, was 29,164. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 31.4° being 2.4° above that for the previous week, and 6.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.39 inch, and the mean sunshine 11.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 3 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 22nd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	6	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	8	..	..	1	..	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	37
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	1	..	..	10	..	..	5	21	6	..	1	..	6	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	73
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	3	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	18	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	1	3	..	..	..	43	..	3	..	..	..	18	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	9	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	15

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	4	..	16	1	..	..	..	..	..	22
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	7	14	4	..	..	..	8	..	32	4	..	..	1	..	..	36
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	7	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	9	3	..	4	30	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	5	..	..	..	..	..	3
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	7	169	..	6	6	104	1	2	..	..	2	415	1	..	2	149	..	2	8	3	29	..	53	4	..	..	..	..	..	72
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	77	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	195	..	6	6	131	1	8	1	..	2	515	4	..	8	229	21	2	8	3	76	..	97	14	..	..	..	..	..	86
GRAND TOTAL	9	198	..	6	6	227	1	13	2	..	2	557	6	..	23	271	31	3	9	3	105	..	156	21	..	..	1	..	..	215

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 3

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 22, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 18, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1953	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 18th Jan. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,000	395	118	392	41	18	369	17.7	11	6	3	17	2	1	1	1	9	8	20	44	45	45	9	218	44	15	30.3	0.58	14.2	7,929
2. Edinburgh	470,500	163	43	197	21	9	185	20.5	3	4	1	6	..	3	..	2	3	3	3	17	34	21	10	127	40	18	31.2	0.15	13.5	2,281
3. Aberdeen	185,500	71	17	59	13	..	46	12.9	1	3	..	4	1	1	..	1	..	..	3	1	3	13	1	31	41	16	30.6	0.46	7.9	1,085
4. Dundee	177,500	59	17	67	9	7	65	19.1	2	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	5	1	11	11	3	48	43	18	31.0	0.11	14.7	1,263
5. Paisley	94,500	37	12	31	4	6	33	18.2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	8	4	2	20	43	20	32.9	0.49	13.0	674
6. Greenock	77,300	29	12	27	7	..	20	13.5	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	1	1	11	42	20	33.0	0.92	11.8	1,056
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,600	30	1	16	1	13	28	21.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	929
8. Kirkcaldy	50,100	14	6	17	3	4	18	18.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	380
9. Coatbridge	49,300	25	7	6	1	2	7	7.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	462
10. Dunfermline	45,300	10	3	13	2	2	13	15.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	10	43	14	30.9	0.16	9.7	337
11. Clydebank	46,400	20	3	10	3	1	8	9.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	501
12. Ayr	42,400	13	8	14	7	4	11	13.5	..	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	564
13. Kilmarnock	42,800	12	6	15	3	2	14	17.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10	43	14	33.0	0.54	6.0	480
14. Perth	40,800	7	6	23	6	1	18	23.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	3	12	42	14	29.6	0.13	12.6	449
15. Hamilton	40,600	17	4	6	..	5	11	14.1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	870
16. Falkirk	37,400	11	..	25	7	2	20	27.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	2	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	553
17. Airdrie	31,700	8	2	6	1	5	10	16.4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	401
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan 22, 1955	2,586,800	921	265	924	129	81	876	17.7	26	15	4	37	3	8	1	5	15	14	37	81	124	112	32	554	44†	14†	31.4‡	0.39‡	11.5‡	
Jan. 15, 1955.	2,586,800	889	254	795	124	64	735	14.8	26	25	3	44	7	7	5	4	18	15	25	48	105	115	29	467	43†	10†	29.0‡	1.03‡	13.9‡	
Jan. 23, 1954.	2,588,300	918	246	769	106	71	734	14.8	17	24	3	41	7	7	1	6	16	13	37	42	103	100	27	452	55†	29†	40.1‡	1.74‡	5.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1952 § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 4

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 29th January 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 29th January, 1955, the births of 907 living children, and of 28 stillborn children, 258 marriages and 904 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.2 and the death-rate 18.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 30 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average. The death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, and 2.6 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 24.7 in Airdrie and 23.2 in Paisley to 10.3 in Hamilton and 7.9 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 22.1 and in Greenock 20.9. In Glasgow the rate was 18.4 and in Edinburgh 20.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are the same as in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, of which 14 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, and the latter the same.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 126, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 31, being 6 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 12 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 601, and are 47 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 39, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 25th January 1955, was 32,472. The number of such claims made in the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.3° being 10.9° above that for the previous week, and 3.0° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.59 inch, and the mean sunshine 8.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 4 **Week ended SATURDAY, January 29th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	1	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	8	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	23
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	20
Orkney C.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	31
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	1	9	3	3	..	..	14	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	88
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	54	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	16	..	..	..	1	7	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	60	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	18	..	..	..	2	12	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	20

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	1	..	2	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	18	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Edinburgh B.	2	..	..	..	..	31	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	3	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	15
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Roxburgh C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	1	..	..	..	37	..	2	1	..	..	29	1	..	7	21	2	..	2	..	18	..	20	3	..	..	..	..	38
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	1	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	28	4	..	1	38	..	..	2	..	2	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	5
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	101	..	3	6	83	..	1	..	..	..	201	2	..	2	154	..	2	2	1	36	..	40	7	..	..	3	..	62
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	91	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	9
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	10	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	127	..	3	6	118	..	8	..	..	..	333	7	..	13	268	12	3	4	1	78	..	78	12	..	..	4	..	83
GRAND TOTAL	14	130	..	3	6	260	..	19	1	..	..	378	9	..	23	321	18	6	6	4	126	..	121	18	..	..	4	..	231

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 4

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 29, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JANUARY 25, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1953	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 25th Jan. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,085,000	389	116	404	41	20	383	18.4	12	4	3	12	1	4	2	2	7	7	18	37	54	47	16	250	52	25	41.6	0.64	6.1	9,120
2. Edinburgh	470,500	143	42	205	22	4	187	20.7	3	1	..	3	..	2	..	..	2	1	12	15	25	33	10	131	53	32	42.1	0.05	15.7	2,208
3. Aberdeen .	185,500	60	25	55	9	2	48	13.5	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	6	4	2	29	52	31	41.4	0.13	9.3	1,050
4. Dundee .	177,500	60	11	63	7	2	58	17.0	2	1	..	4	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	5	13	4	1	38	51	28	40.7	0.31	9.9	1,366
5. Paisley .	94,500	35	5	52	12	2	42	23.2	1	3	..	4	3	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	6	5	1	23	52	27	43.3	1.09	6.1	850
6. Greenock .	77,300	22	10	31	3	3	31	20.9	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	3	4	1	4	16	52	31	43.9	1.87	6.3	1,295
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,600	30	8	19	3	5	21	15.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	2	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	1,014
8. Kirkcaldy	50,100	18	4	17	5	3	15	15.6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	360
9. Coatbridge	49,300	20	5	9	..	2	11	11.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	591
10. Dunfermline	45,300	19	2	16	6	7	17	19.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	12	52	27	42.7	0.25	4.8	377
11. Clydebank	46,400	21	3	6	2	3	7	7.9	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	642
12. Ayr . .	42,400	22	7	19	5	4	18	22.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	790
13. Kilmarnock	42,800	14	4	16	4	3	15	18.3	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	1	11	51	27	43.6	0.57	8.3	601
14. Perth .	40,800	15	3	16	4	2	14	17.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	11	51	22	41.6	0.40	6.2	456
15. Hamilton .	40,600	18	4	7	1	2	8	10.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1,055
16. Falkirk .	37,400	12	6	17	4	1	14	19.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	604
17. Airdrie .	31,700	9	3	12	..	3	15	24.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	334
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Jan. 29, 1955.	2,586,800	907	258	964	128	68	904	18.2	28	12	3	31	5	7	3	5	15	14	51	75	129	113	39	601	53†	22†	42.3‡	0.59‡	8.1‡	
Jan. 22, 1955.	2,586,800	921	265	924	129	81	876	17.7	26	15	4	37	3	8	1	5	15	14	37	81	124	112	32	554	44†	14†	31.4‡	0.39‡	11.5‡	
Jan. 30, 1954.	2,588,300‖	926	257	699	119	53	633	12.8	31	16	2	31	2	8	2	1	16	15	38	33	98	71	22	400	40†	20†	33.3‡	0.45‡	6.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1952

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 5

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

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Week ended Saturday, 5th February 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 5th February 1955, the births of 990 living children, and of 31 stillborn children, 332 marriages and 724 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.7 and the death-rate 14.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 30 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.7 more than in the previous week, and 1.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.5 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 3.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.9 in Greenock and 18.1 in Falkirk to 9.0 in Hamilton and 7.9 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 17.2 and in Perth 16.6. In Glasgow it was 15.3 and in Edinburgh 15.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 8 and are 3 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia, 1 from measles and 6 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 17, of which 11 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, but the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 96, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 32, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these 11 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 455, and are 146 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 34, and are 5 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 1st February 1955, was 31,095. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 40.7° being 1.6° below that for the previous week, but 1.8° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.34 inch, and the mean sunshine 11.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 5 — **Week ended SATURDAY, February 5th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	7
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	4	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	34
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	1	..	..	..	52	..	..	1	12	4	..	..	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	72
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	1	..	..	1	55	..	1	..	..	..	7	5	..	..	9	..	..	..	1	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	1	55	..	1	..	..	..	8	5	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	8	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	8

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	4
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Edinburgh B.	4	..	..	..	..	27	..	4	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	14	..	..	..	..	2	..	22	2	..	..	..	..	25
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	6
Total	4	..	..	..	..	48	..	5	..	..	..	29	1	..	2	29	1	..	..	4	17	..	32	2	..	..	1	..	53
Western Region.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	..	1	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	6	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	65	1	..	2	36	..	..	..	1	5	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	9
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	60	..	4	6	85	1	2	..	..	..	155	..	..	12	198	..	..	4	1	29	..	49	2	3	..	5	..	43
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	4	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	12
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	11	1	1	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	11	73	..	5	7	145	1	4	..	..	..	310	1	..	18	300	19	1	5	3	79	..	92	6	3	..	5	..	74
Grand Total	17	74	..	5	8	287	1	12	..	..	..	399	7	..	22	358	24	1	5	9	111	..	137	11	3	..	6	..	214

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 5

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 5, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 1, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1953	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature °Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature °Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature °Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 1st Feb. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,085,000	418	137	330	25	14	319	15.3	16	4	..	15	..	1	3	3	7	6	22	27	49	31	18	189	49	31	40.3	0.31	12.0	9,157
2. Edinburgh	470,500	154	61	148	15	5	138	15.3	4	1	1	3	..	1	..	1	2	..	7	7	18	22	4	101	50	33	41.4	0.24	13.2	2,121
3. Aberdeen	185,500	66	18	56	17	3	42	11.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	3	8	5	2	28	49	28	39.4	0.09	16.0	803
4. Dundee	177,500	76	21	60	8	4	56	16.4	1	3	..	6	1	2	..	1	1	..	3	3	10	5	2	32	48	30	39.6	0.13	13.6	1,212
5. Paisley	94,500	27	12	34	14	1	21	11.6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	2	..	15	49	33	41.1	0.47	4.9	876
6. Greenock	77,300	36	14	29	3	2	28	18.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	6	1	2	18	49	34	41.8	0.99	7.0	1,186
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,600	38	15	11	1	3	13	9.7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1,055
8. Kirkcaldy	50,100	18	6	8	1	2	9	9.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	327
9. Coatbridge	49,300	31	8	10	..	4	14	14.8	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	469
10. Dunfermline	45,300	14	3	13	5	1	9	10.4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	7	50	31	41.6	0.26	12.1	309
11. Clydebank	46,400	17	2	4	1	4	7	7.9	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	677
12. Ayr	42,400	17	11	14	..	..	14	17.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	955
13. Kilmarnock	42,800	16	6	11	1	3	13	15.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	8	49	32	41.0	0.30	14.7	679
14. Perth	40,800	12	4	17	5	1	13	16.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	9	50	29	40.5	0.23	7.0	383
15. Hamilton	40,600	23	7	6	2	3	7	9.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	1,068
16. Falkirk	37,400	11	4	15	3	1	13	18.1	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	5	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	553
17. Airdrie	31,700	16	3	9	2	1	8	13.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	254
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 5, 1955.	2,586,800	990	332	775	103	52	724	14.6	31	11	1	32	2	5	3	8	17	11	43	53	109	82	34	455	50†	28†	40.7‡	0.34‡	11.2‡	
Jan. 29, 1955.	2,586,800	907	258	964	128	68	904	18.2	28	12	3	31	5	7	3	5	15	14	51	75	120	113	39	601	53†	22†	42.3‡	0.59‡	8.1‡	
Feb. 6, 1954.	2,588,300	946	363	847	123	67	791	15.9	21	28	4	41	3	9	2	1	30	27	27	43	121	98	29	495	43†	15†	32.6‡	0.37‡	6.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1952 § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 12th February 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 12th February, 1955, the births of 862 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 303 marriages and 713 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.1 and the death-rate 14.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn.)

The birth-rate of the week is 2.5 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.0 below the average. The death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 1.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.9 in Hamilton and 16.7 in Glasgow to 7.3 in Ayr and 7.2 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 16.0 and in Motherwell & Wishaw 15.8. In Edinburgh the rate was 13.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 9 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from Friederichsen-Waterhouse syndrome and 8 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 19, of which 17 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 more than in the previous week, and the latter 6 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 96, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.9 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 3 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 21 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 455, and are the same as in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 11 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 8th February, 1955, was 25,576. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 35.7° being 5.0° below that for the previous week, and 3.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.64 inch, and the mean sunshine 23.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 6 **Week ended SATURDAY, February 12th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	45
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	12
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	50
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	27	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	1	4	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	121
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	3	..	..	1	47	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	3	..	..	1	53	..	3	..	..	..	3	1	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	8	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	12

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	2	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	11
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	42	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	10	..	..	..	10	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	22
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	1	..	..	..	72	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	1	27	..	..	1	20	..	31	3	..	..	..	..	44
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	..	1	..	4	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	20	1	..	1	36	..	..	..	7	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	11
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	4	74	..	1	6	79	..	7	..	..	..	144	..	..	6	149	..	..	3	2	29	..	54	7	1	..	3	..	44
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	6
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	5	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	5	79	..	1	7	144	1	12	2	..	..	210	1	..	12	251	32	1	3	3	69	..	93	20	1	..	3	..	82
GRAND TOTAL	9	84	..	1	8	310	1	17	2	..	..	258	2	..	14	299	34	1	3	5	104	..	140	27	1	..	3	..	259

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 6

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 12, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 8, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 8th Feb. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	374	128	361	35	22	348	16.7	14	12	..	13	4	..	..	6	15	14	27	31	47	35	13	210	45	28	35.9	0.66	26.2	7,871
2. Edinburgh	468,800	126	39	135	18	2	119	13.2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	19	18	2	85	46	27	35.4	0.43	19.7	1,799
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	58	20	55	14	2	43	12.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	5	13	4	29	38	28	32.9	1.20	19.3	773
4. Dundee .	177,100	53	21	51	9	6	48	14.1	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	2	4	8	8	1	37	43	28	34.1	0.42	27.7	1,038
5. Paisley .	94,700	42	10	36	8	1	29	16.0	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	7	..	20	46	29	37.3	0.69	23.2	820
6. Greenock .	77,300	29	10	18	2	1	17	11.5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	..	11	47	30	37.9	1.02	23.7	753
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	22	13	15	4	10	21	15.8	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	2	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	888
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	4	9	2	..	7	7.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	277
9. Coatbridge	49,900	25	8	7	..	3	10	10.4	..	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	384
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	7	7	1	2	8	9.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	45	28	35.9	0.44	21.2	316
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	8	11	5	3	9	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	528
12. Ayr . .	42,800	16	5	9	6	3	6	7.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	742
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	7	12	5	3	10	12.1	1	3	..	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	3	54	26	36.8	0.49	27.3	491
14. Perth .	40,800	15	10	12	5	1	8	10.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	5	46	25	35.5	0.43	24.9	269
15. Hamilton .	40,700	20	4	9	2	7	14	17.9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	808
16. Falkirk .	37,200	16	5	9	2	..	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	362
17. Airdrie .	31,900	7	4	6	..	3	9	14.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	241
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Feb. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	862	303	762	118	69	713	14.4	25	21	2	29	8	2	..	9	19	17	41	55	100	95	23	455	54†	25†	35.7‡	0.64‡	23.7‡	
Feb. 5, 1955.	2,587,900	990	332	775	103	52	724	14.6	31	11	1	32	2	5	3	8	17	11	43	53	109	82	34	455	50†	28†	40.7‡	0.34‡	11.2‡	
Feb. 13, 1954.	2,586,800	899	342	793	103	57	747	15.1	23	14	4	37	5	6	4	7	22	22	30	40	95	106	19	448	42†	17†	34.4‡	1.36‡	15.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 7

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 19th February 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 19th February 1955, the births of 927 living children, and of 27 stillborn children, 473 marriages and 788 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.5 and the death-rate 15.9. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average. The death-rate is 1.5 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.5 in Ayr and 18.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw to 9.3 in Dunfermline and 6.5 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 17.9 and in Coatbridge 17.7. In Glasgow the rate was 17.5 and in Edinburgh 16.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 8 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from measles and 7 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 19, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 75, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 38, being 9 more than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 501, and are 46 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 29, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 15th February 1955, was 22,784. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 32.4° being 3.3° below that for the previous week, and 6.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.30 inch, and the mean sunshine 16.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 7 — **Week ended SATURDAY, February 19th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	7
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	14
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	20
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	3	..	..	..	27	..	..	1	12	1	..	..	..	3	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	53
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	7
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	1	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	10	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	16

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	2	..	..	7	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	8
Dunfermline B	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B	1	..	..	..	..	36	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	6	..	15	1	..	..	..	..	29
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	3	1	..	..	..	53	..	3	..	..	..	13	..	..	5	24	4	..	..	24	..	34	4	..	..	1	..	54
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	30	..	..	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	5
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	12	75	..	2	6	76	..	3	..	..	..	111	1	..	5	128	..	1	6	..	24	..	44	2	..	..	2	..	38
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	2	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	11
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	84	..	2	6	121	..	4	..	..	..	192	1	..	9	204	16	2	6	2	38	..	75	7	..	..	2	..	62
GRAND TOTAL	19	86	..	2	6	285	..	10	..	..	..	236	1	..	15	252	21	2	6	2	75	..	128	17	..	..	3	..	192

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 7

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 19, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 15, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 15th Feb. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	430	220	385	41	19	363	17.5	14	14	2	24	2	6	..	2	11	11	15	24	50	49	12	216	41	22	32.6	0.26	16.1	6,892
2. Edinburgh	468,800	130	66	167	22	6	151	16.8	5	2	..	3	2	..	..	1	3	3	9	6	20	19	4	107	38	22	31.5	0.23	15.0	1,761
3. Aberdeen	186,200	67	28	56	14	..	42	11.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	7	6	2	28	39	20	30.5	0.97	19.8	735
4. Dundee	177,100	53	30	54	7	4	51	15.0	2	..	1	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	4	8	4	6	34	40	24	32.0	0.17	23.1	952
5. Paisley	94,700	31	24	29	9	2	22	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	..	18	42	25	34.2	0.22	11.3	698
6. Greenock	77,300	26	20	23	5	2	20	13.5	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	2	13	41	26	34.4	0.18	9.4	597
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	8	20	4	8	24	18.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	6	1	15	..	..	..	..	..	727
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	17	9	14	5	3	12	12.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	270
9. Coatbridge	49,900	24	13	12	..	5	17	17.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	3	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	337
10. Dunfermline	45,100	11	7	9	3	2	8	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	5	41	19	32.4	0.18	16.8	341
11. Clydebank	47,600	17	8	9	2	5	12	13.2	1	1	..	2	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	411
12. Ayr	42,800	23	6	20	7	3	16	19.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	495
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	21	10	13	1	2	14	16.9	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	5	41	20	31.6	0.16	15.5	302
14. Perth	40,800	15	8	12	2	..	10	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	4	..	6	41	15	32.0	0.30	19.3	253
15. Hamilton	40,700	17	3	12	2	4	14	17.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	738
16. Falkirk	37,200	10	8	7	1	2	8	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	327
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	5	3	..	1	4	6.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	253
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Feb. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	927	473	845	125	68	788	15.9	27	22	3	38	4	10	3	8	19	19	32	43	104	106	29	501	42†	15†	32.4‡	0.30‡	16.3‡	
Feb. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	862	303	762	118	69	713	14.4	25	21	2	29	8	2	..	9	19	17	41	55	100	95	23	455	54†	25†	35.7‡	0.64‡	23.7‡	
Feb. 20, 1954.	2,586,800	963	338	789	135	61	715	14.4	30	28	..	48	7	8	4	2	19	19	29	50	108	85	29	440	51†	27†	37.9‡	0.66‡	9.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 8

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 26th February 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 26th February 1955, the births of 870 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 755 marriages and 710 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 15.2 and the death-rate 14.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.2 less than in the previous week, and 1.4 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 5.7 more than in the previous week, and 6.0 above the average. The death-rate is 1.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.7 in Ayr and 19.2 in Hamilton to 9.3 in Dunfermline and 7.7 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Coatbridge 16.7 and in Edinburgh 15.3. In Glasgow the rate was 14.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are 2 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 5 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 14 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 14 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 76, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 26, being 12 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 464, and are 37 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 22nd February 1955, was 21,405. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 28.9° being 3.5° below that for the previous week, and 10.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.40 inch, and the mean sunshine 26.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 8 — **Week ended SATURDAY, February 26th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	1	19	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	34
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	1	27	..	1	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	8	5	1	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	59
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	3	..	..	..	38	..	2	..	..	..	3	3	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	39	..	3	..	..	..	3	3	..	6	9	1	..	..	..	9	..	13	2	1	..	..	..	12

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	1	2	..	3	1	..	..	4	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	34	..	3	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	2	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	48	..	8	..	..	..	36	..	..	1	14	4	..	..	1	15	..	44	5	..	..	4	..	15
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	27	1	..	..	21	..	..	..	1	7	..	9	7	..	..	..	..	4
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	11	69	..	5	6	93	..	4	..	..	..	142	1	..	12	192	..	..	1	4	25	..	54	4	..	..	..	..	42
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	5	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	6
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	13	73	..	5	6	187	..	5	..	..	..	226	2	..	16	261	21	..	2	5	64	..	99	15	..	..	..	..	63
GRAND TOTAL	14	77	..	5	7	310	..	17	..	..	1	283	5	..	23	294	36	1	2	6	95	..	163	23	1	..	4	..	151

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 8

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 26, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED FEBRUARY 22, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 22nd Feb. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	373	356	319	24	14	309	14.9	8	6	2	12	2	4	..	3	2	2	16	23	53	28	14	191	38	16	27.9	0.17	36.2	6,363
2. Edinburgh	468,800	131	103	154	21	5	138	15.3	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	9	28	25	4	100	35	22	29.0	0.58	23.2	1,765
3. Aberdeen	186,200	65	29	48	7	2	43	12.0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	6	13	1	28	35	17	27.6	1.07	21.5	778
4. Dundee	177,100	69	37	48	5	3	46	13.5	6	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	6	7	3	28	36	18	29.4	0.56	20.8	983
5. Paisley	94,700	23	28	28	6	1	23	12.7	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	3	..	17	38	20	30.1	0.10	20.0	500
6. Greenock	77,300	32	28	20	1	1	20	13.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	2	2	..	15	36	23	30.2	0.07	24.5	563
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	20	33	17	1	1	17	12.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	681
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	22	15	14	2	2	14	14.4	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	250
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	23	15	2	3	16	16.7	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	354
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	7	8	3	3	8	9.3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	5	35	18	28.7	0.72	23.5	332
11. Clydebank	47,600	22	18	6	1	2	7	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	394
12. Ayr	42,800	12	12	17	2	2	17	20.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	445
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	25	19	12	2	2	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	6	37	20	29.6	0.02	42.6	316
14. Perth	40,800	11	9	19	9	1	11	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	6	36	4	27.2	0.33	22.5	226
15. Hamilton	40,700	9	12	11	3	7	15	19.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	616
16. Falkirk	37,200	10	12	11	5	2	8	11.2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	348
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	14	4	1	3	6	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	229
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Feb. 26, 1955.	2,587,900	870	755	751	95	54	710	14.3	24	13	4	26	3	6	..	6	5	5	29	47	117	102	27	464	38†	4†	28.9‡	0.40‡	26.1‡	
Feb. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	927	473	845	125	68	788	15.9	27	22	3	38	4	10	3	8	19	19	32	43	104	106	29	501	42†	15†	32.4‡	0.30‡	16.3‡	
Feb. 27, 1954.	2,586,800‖	949	548	777	114	65	728	14.7	25	23	3	34	6	8	..	3	27	26	24	44	109	94	27	444	54†	24†	38.9‡	0.96‡	17.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 9

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 5th March 1955

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In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 5th March 1955, the births of 976 living children, and of 18 stillborn children, 501 marriages and 879 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.1 and the death-rate 17.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.2 more than in the previous week, and 1.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 5.1 less than in the previous week, and 2.1 below the average. The death-rate is 3.4 more than in the previous week, and 2.8 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.6 in Dundee and 21.8 in Kilmarnock to 11.6 in Dunfermline and 10.5 in Paisley. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Perth 21.7 and in Coatbridge 19.8. In Glasgow the rate was 18.7 and in Edinburgh 18.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are the same as in the previous week. They include 1 from scarlet fever and 5 from influenza.

As in the previous week, all tuberculous deaths were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. They numbered 14, 9 more than in the previous week.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 123, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 2.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 1.0 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 39, being 13 more than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 571, and are 107 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 1 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 1st March 1955, was 22,316. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 34.9° being 6.0° above that for the previous week, but 5.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.98 inch, and the mean sunshine 24.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 9 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 5th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	28	..	..	1	..	..	33	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	23
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	37	..	1	1	..	..	34	..	..	..	13	4	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	67
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	2	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	11	..	..	..	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	2	2	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	14	..	..	..	1	14	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	13

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	5
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	24	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	17	..	..	1	6	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	13
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	6	..	..	..	28	..	..	..	..	..	48	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	6	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	4
Airdrie B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	6	85	..	2	4	85	..	3	..	..	..	169	2	..	5	135	..	2	3	..	19	..	34	2	1	..	..	41
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	2	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	10	9	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	104	..	2	4	175	..	6	..	..	1	310	2	..	7	204	16	2	3	..	47	..	89	18	1	..	..	..	61
GRAND TOTAL	12	107	..	2	4	322	..	11	1	..	1	361	6	..	13	266	22	2	4	2	79	..	122	26	1	..	..	..	167

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 9

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 5, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 1, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 1st March 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	453	214	397	33	24	388	18.7	6	6	2	17	1	4	..	4	7	7	29	35	52	45	8	245	47	12	33.6	0.98	24.4	6,459
2. Edinburgh	468,800	152	71	173	15	4	162	18.0	3	3	1	5	3	..	..	1	2	2	5	11	27	24	7	117	45	18	35.9	0.17	25.9	1,820
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	57	48	66	12	2	56	15.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	6	9	..	36	42	26	34.2	0.35	22.6	905
4. Dundee .	177,100	57	42	82	6	4	80	23.6	3	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	6	14	9	3	53	46	19	33.4	0.57	30.2	1,095
5. Paisley .	94,700	41	15	27	11	3	19	10.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	4	..	13	50	17	37.1	2.57	17.1	508
6. Greenock .	77,300	21	17	29	5	..	24	16.2	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	4	1	17	45	21	36.6	2.23	19.9	591
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	29	13	12	3	9	18	13.5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	2	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	678
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	17	7	12	3	4	13	13.4	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	314
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	3	14	..	5	19	19.8	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	414
10. Dunfermline	45,100	11	5	12	2	..	10	11.6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	6	48	14	34.0	0.40	29.1	323
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	6	10	2	3	11	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	384
12. Ayr . .	42,800	21	10	17	6	..	11	13.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	443
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	16	9	24	8	2	18	21.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	5	1	11	48	22	36.6	0.67	27.8	343
14. Perth .	40,800	11	8	18	5	4	17	21.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	1	1	12	45	8	32.9	0.89	23.8	245
15. Hamilton .	40,700	17	16	9	1	4	12	15.4	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	737
16. Falkirk .	37,200	8	6	17	5	..	12	16.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	274
17. Airdrie .	31,900	16	11	5	..	4	9	14.7	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	279
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 5, 1955.	2,587,900	976	501	924	117	72	879	17.7	18	17	4	39	5	7	1	6	14	14	53	70	120	109	26	571	50†	8†	34.9‡	0.98‡	24.5‡	
Feb. 26, 1955.	2,587,900	870	755	751	95	54	710	14.3	24	13	4	26	3	6	..	6	5	5	29	47	117	102	27	464	38†	4†	28.9‡	0.40‡	26.1‡	
Mar. 6, 1954.	2,586,800‖	904	854	757	102	52	707	14.3	26	17	4	28	5	11	1	3	19	18	28	35	101	93	18	429	48†	20†	33.9‡	1.04‡	19.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 10

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 12th March 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 12th March 1955, the births of 975 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 608 marriages and 716 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.6 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 12.3 and the death-rate 14.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.2 more than in the previous week and 0.9 above the average. The death-rate is 3.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.1 in Dundee and 16.5 in Kirkcaldy to 7.3 in Coatbridge and 3.3 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Glasgow 15.5 and in Edinburgh 14.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 4 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 8 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 80, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being 12 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 476, and are 95 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 30, and are 4 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 8th March 1955, was 21,634. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 38.3° being 3.4° above that for the previous week, but 1.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.07 inch, and the mean sunshine 26.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 10 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 12th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	2	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	10
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	22
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	4	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	2	5	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	56
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	3	..	..	..	37	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	2	15	..	..	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	12
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	3	2	..	2	16	..	..	..	..	9	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	14

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	4	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	53	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	34	..	2	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	19	..	..	..	2	7	..	22	1	..	..	..	..	20
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	..	90	..	6	..	..	..	64	1	..	1	36	..	..	1	2	14	..	34	3	..	..	..	..	32
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	6	..	..	..	16	..	2	..	..	..	47	2	..	1	22	..	..	..	..	1	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	18
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	8	103	..	1	7	72	..	4	..	..	..	193	2	..	2	140	..	1	..	3	18	..	54	4	..	..	1	..	44
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	8
Paisley B.	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	42	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	125	..	1	7	144	1	8	1	..	..	328	4	..	3	223	19	1	..	3	54	..	99	12	..	..	1	..	78
GRAND TOTAL	11	132	..	1	7	304	1	19	1	..	..	411	7	..	6	289	20	1	1	7	82	..	151	18	..	..	1	..	182

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 10

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 12, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 8, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 8th March 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	437	252	349	46	20	323	15.5	13	5	1	10	2	1	1	1	4	4	11	29	46	39	14	212	49	28	37.5	0.03	19.2	6,387
2. Edinburgh	468,800	123	115	149	24	8	133	14.8	3	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	10	22	20	4	95	48	29	37.8	0.29	31.0	1,774
3. Aberdeen	186,200	59	60	48	7	2	43	12.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	3	8	2	33	50	30	38.1	0.13	33.5	756
4. Dundee	177,100	71	39	71	10	4	65	19.1	2	2	..	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	5	1	10	12	3	45	48	31	38.2	0.07	25.3	1,157
5. Paisley	94,700	29	21	30	8	4	26	14.3	2	2	..	3	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	1	4	2	..	14	51	29	38.6	0.01	19.2	581
6. Greenock	77,300	30	11	24	6	1	19	12.8	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	2	12	49	33	40.0	..	27.9	573
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	32	11	13	1	5	17	12.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	699
8. Kirkcaldy	50,590	29	14	14	2	4	16	16.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	8	..	..	..	..	..	270
9. Coatbridge	49,900	27	4	3	..	4	7	7.3	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	375
10. Dunfermline	45,100	17	10	11	2	2	11	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	7	49	27	38.0	0.07	26.0	338
11. Clydebank	47,600	25	13	9	3	1	7	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	347
12. Ayr	42,800	18	7	18	7	1	12	14.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	410
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	14	10	9	1	3	11	13.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	7	50	27	38.2	..	26.7	314
14. Perth	40,800	17	7	17	9	1	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	8	51	26	37.9	0.06	27.2	218
15. Hamilton	40,700	19	11	6	..	..	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	704
16. Falkirk	37,200	15	16	12	4	1	9	12.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	302
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	7	2	..	..	2	3.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	206
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	975	608	785	130	61	716	14.4	24	15	1	27	4	4	2	2	7	6	27	53	99	97	30	476	51†	26†	38.3‡	0.07‡	26.2‡	
Mar. 5, 1955.	2,587,900	976	501	924	117	72	879	17.7	18	17	4	39	5	7	1	6	14	14	53	70	120	109	26	571	50†	8†	34.9‡	0.98‡	24.5‡	
Mar. 13, 1954.	2,586,800‖	958	690	789	127	54	716	14.4	29	18	5	39	5	9	..	5	22	22	28	38	112	90	22	454	60†	27†	41.3‡	0.24‡	22.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 19th March 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 19th March 1955, the births of 928 living children, and of 27 stillborn children, 672 marriages and 717 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 13.5 and the death-rate 14.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 1.5 above the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.5 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.0 in Dundee and 16.3 in Edinburgh to 9.4 in Coatbridge and 8.3 in Paisley. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 16.2 and in Glasgow 15.6.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are 4 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia, 1 from measles and 4 from influenza. There was also 1 death registered from acute infectious encephalitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 16, of which 15 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 more than in the previous week, and the latter 9 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 90, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 42, being 15 more than in the previous week. Of these, 24 were aged 0-6 days and 5 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 449, and are 27 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 44, and are 14 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 15th March 1955, was 19,206. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 39.8° being 1.5° above that for the previous week, but 1.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.13 inch, and the mean sunshine 36.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 11 **Week ended SATURDAY, March 19th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	11
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	2	..	..	..	17	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	11
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	2	..	..	..	17	1	..	..	21	4	..	1	..	6	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	28
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	9	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	15	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	9				43		1	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	15	..	..	..	..	9	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	13

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	3	1	..	..	2	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	..	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	1	42	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	4	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	1	63	..	2	1	..	..	58	..	..	1	22	3	1	..	1	19	..	26	5	..	..	..	..	24
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	17	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	15	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	1	36	1	..	..	14	..	..	1	..	6	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	15	124	..	3	2	113	..	2	..	..	..	159	..	..	4	125	..	..	3	1	24	..	37	8	..	..	..	..	52
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Paisley B.	..	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	17	154	..	3	2	187	..	3	..	..	1	298	1	..	8	190	18	..	5	2	54	..	89	17	..	..	..	..	88
GRAND TOTAL	22	163	..	3	3	321	..	9	1	..	1	374	4	..	9	248	25	1	6	3	88	..	139	28	..	..	..	..	155

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 11

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 19, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 15, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 15th Mar. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	421	277	334	31	21	324	15.6	14	10	3	23	2	9	1	3	9	9	18	22	43	37	19	195	51	26	39.8	0.04	36.1	5,483
2. Edinburgh	468,800	170	101	162	21	6	147	16.3	3	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	3	3	8	11	15	20	14	101	51	28	39.1	0.15	33.4	1,652
3. Aberdeen	186,200	68	61	46	10	1	37	10.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	7	1	..	25	50	27	37.7	0.62	31.7	671
4. Dundee	177,100	52	33	65	6	2	61	18.0	2	2	..	4	..	..	1	3	..	..	7	3	10	5	2	47	54	30	40.9	0.19	39.6	1,126
5. Paisley	94,700	41	25	29	14	..	15	8.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	10	53	28	41.4	..	29.5	450
6. Greenock	77,300	27	22	30	6	..	24	16.2	1	3	..	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	10	50	30	41.2	0.04	39.7	493
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	25	9	..	5	14	10.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	524
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	11	16	13	4	2	11	11.4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	240
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	9	4	..	5	9	9.4	..	4	..	4	3	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	318
10. Dunfermline	45,100	10	18	11	2	1	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	7	53	28	38.8	0.07	38.9	262
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	11	10	4	6	12	13.2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	301
12. Ayr	42,800	9	15	12	4	..	8	9.7	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	392
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	17	9	..	1	10	12.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	50	25	39.5	0.02	33.2	307
14. Perth	40,800	10	9	9	3	3	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	4	52	28	40.2	0 04	44.6	193
15. Hamilton	40,700	19	11	3	..	6	9	11.5	..	2	1	3	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	602
16. Falkirk	37,200	5	13	14	5	..	9	12.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	245
17. Airdrie	31,900	7	9	7	1	2	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	231
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	928	672	767	111	61	717	14.4	27	24	5	42	9	14	2	6	16	15	42	48	87	79	44	449	54†	25†	39.8‡	0.13‡	36.3‡	
Mar. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	975	608	785	130	61	716	14.4	24	15	1	27	4	4	2	2	7	6	27	53	99	97	30	476	51†	26†	38.3‡	0.07‡	26.2‡	
Mar. 20, 1954.	2,586,800‖	1059	615	703	107	68	664	13.4	29	15	3	39	3	7	1	6	18	17	32	30	107	92	29	410	51†	29†	38.6‡	0.15‡	6.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 12

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 26th March 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 26th March 1955, the births of 961 living children, and of 28 stillborn children, 1,055 marriages and 760 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 21.3 and the death-rate 15.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 7.8 more than in the previous week, and 2.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.7 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 22.4 in Dundee and 17.5 in Edinburgh to 9.4 in Coatbridge and 9.3 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 17.3 and in Kilmarnock 16.9. In Glasgow the rate was 14.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 5 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis. There was also 1 death registered from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, of which 14 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 79, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 38, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 21 were aged 0-6 days and 5 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 497, and are 48 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 16 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 22nd March 1955, was 18,234. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 35.7° being 4.1° below that for the previous week, and 5.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.06 inches, and the mean sunshine 15.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 12 — **Week ended SATURDAY, March 26th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	12
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	19	2	..	..	..	6	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	56
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	4	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	15	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	6
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	..	54	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	16	..	..	..	..	14	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	7

South-Eastern Region.—																												
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	65	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	5	6	..	..	..	5	..	12	4	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3	1	..	..	..	51	..	3	..	..	..	85	..	..	8	14	..	..	..	19	..	24	8	..	..	..	..	12
Western Region.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	28	2	..	..	14	..	..	..	4	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	9
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	9	109	..	2	3	147	..	4	..	..	..	143	1	..	..	118	..	..	2	4	19	..	46	7	..	..	1	..	36
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	7	..	6	1	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	8	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7
Paisley B.	..	17	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	104	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	13	137	..	2	3	199	..	5	..	..	..	331	3	..	3	192	16	..	4	4	63	..	93	15	..	..	1	..	60
Grand Total	18	142	..	2	3	334	..	9	..	..	..	435	7	..	12	245	18	..	4	5	102	..	132	28	..	..	1	..	137

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 26, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 22, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 22nd Mar, 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	406	399	317	39	17	295	14.2	16	11	..	18	6	4	4	1	7	6	15	19	42	33	11	166	46	22	34.6	1.18	11.7	5,228
2. Edinburgh	468,800	157	209	170	20	7	157	17.5	6	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	12	23	16	3	125	44	26	35.4	0.93	14.2	1,418
3. Aberdeen	186,200	53	72	67	9	1	59	16.5	1	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	4	10	2	45	41	24	34.6	0.73	12.3	648
4. Dundee	177,100	62	69	78	7	5	76	22.4	1	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	2	20	8	7	57	44	27	36.3	1.03	15.0	1,023
5. Paisley	94,700	38	45	26	6	4	24	13.2	3	2	1	3	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	5	..	14	48	24	36.7	1.42	16.8	414
6. Greenock	77,300	36	43	21	1	2	22	14.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	2	1	12	47	27	36.5	1.56	19.6	471
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	30	29	21	4	6	23	17.3	..	1	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	574
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	25	12	3	1	10	10.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	234
9. Coatbridge	49,900	29	12	5	1	5	9	9.4	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	282
10. Dunfermline	45,100	19	20	9	2	1	8	9.3	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	2	47	22	35.8	1.11	14.6	263
11. Clydebank	47,600	16	24	14	3	4	15	16.4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	291
12. Ayr	42,800	18	32	17	7	2	12	14.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	345
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	24	14	15	1	..	14	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	11	50	22	35.5	0.51	18.3	308
14. Perth	40,800	12	17	10	2	3	11	14.0	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	..	1	7	47	21	35.6	1.06	12.6	169
15. Hamilton	40,700	21	16	7	2	3	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	589
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	14	10	4	3	9	12.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	255
17. Airdrie	31,900	12	15	4	..	4	8	13.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	232
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Mar. 26, 1955.	2,587,900	961	1055	803	111	68	760	15.3	28	21	5	38	12	8	4	1	15	14	33	46	114	85	28	497	50†	21†	35.7‡	1.06‡	15.0‡	
Mar. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	928	672	767	111	61	717	14.4	27	24	5	42	9	14	2	6	16	15	42	48	87	79	44	449	54†	25†	39.8‡	0.13‡	36.3‡	
Mar. 27, 1954.	2,586,800‖	931	1111	706	117	57	646	13.0	21	12	3	30	1	10	2	1	19	16	27	35	104	81	21	392	54†	31†	44.6‡	0.52‡	12.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 13

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 2nd April 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 2nd April 1955, the births of 1,009 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 1,631 marriages and 703 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 32.9 and the death-rate 14.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 11.6 more than in the previous week, and 3.2 above the average. The death-rate is 1.1 less than in the previous week, but 1.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 23.1 in Ayr and 18.2 in Falkirk to 6.3 in Coatbridge and 5.8 in Dunfermline. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 17.1 and in Kirkcaldy 16.5. In Glasgow the rate was 15.6 and in Edinburgh 14.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 2 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 2 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 22, of which 21 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 more than in the previous week, and the latter 7 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal, and malignant) numbered 78, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.6 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 438, and are 59 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 25, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 29th March 1955 was 18,888. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 39.7° being 4.0° above that for the previous week, but 2.6° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.10 inch, and the mean sunshine 41.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 13 **Week ended SATURDAY, April 2nd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	8
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	1	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	15	4	..	..	..	6	..	6	4	..	..	..	..	18
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	2	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	10	1	..	..	..	6	..	3	2	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	88	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	1	33	..	1	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	6	..	16	3	..	..	..	11
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	1	55	..	3	1	..	..	99	1	..	4	16	2	..	..	4	21	..	32	6	..	..	1	..	17
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	8	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	24	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	15	..	..	1	..	7	..	10	5	..	..	..	..	22
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	121	..	4	2	176	1	7	..	..	..	188	6	..	7	218	..	3	9	3	25	..	41	7	..	..	..	..	46
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	29	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	13	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	114	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	164	..	4	2	274	1	14	..	..	..	395	6	..	8	287	23	3	10	3	60	..	90	15	..	..	1	..	75
GRAND TOTAL	13	167	..	4	3	417	1	18	1	..	1	505	8	..	14	324	29	3	10	7	97	..	133	25	..	..	2	..	115

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 13

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 2, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MARCH 29, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 29th Mar. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	465	656	337	33	21	325	15.6	9	7	2	15	2	3	1	..	10	10	17	26	52	38	8	195	55	25	39.3	0.15	42.5	5,231
2. Edinburgh	468,800	152	317	139	21	8	126	14.0	..	2	..	3	..	2	..	1	3	2	4	8	20	15	4	87	53	26	39.8	0.02	46.3	1,517
3. Aberdeen	186,200	71	130	58	15	2	45	12.6	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	2	8	1	4	30	52	31	40.0	0.06	37.1	687
4. Dundee	177,100	57	120	61	5	2	58	17.1	..	2	1	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	8	3	6	5	1	38	55	29	40.4	0.03	41.2	1,018
5. Paisley	94,700	31	50	28	8	..	20	11.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	2	11	57	26	40.4	..	40.5	492
6. Greenock	77,300	35	31	23	4	1	20	13.5	5	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	3	..	13	54	30	40.6	0.41	41.6	461
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	19	45	10	3	7	14	10.5	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	627
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	20	30	15	2	3	16	16.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	3	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	248
9. Coatbridge	49,900	33	29	6	1	1	6	6.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	343
10. Dunfermline	45,100	21	35	7	2	..	5	5.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	54	26	39.5	0.01	43.9	303
11. Clydebank	47,600	24	21	10	4	3	9	9.9	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	315
12. Ayr	42,800	15	21	16	3	6	19	23.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	335
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	16	18	8	2	..	6	7.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	54	25	38.5	0.19	42.5	285
14. Perth	40,800	9	33	8	2	1	7	8.9	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	2	55	25	39.0	0.04	39.5	210
15. Hamilton	40,700	10	27	5	..	5	10	12.8	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	636
16. Falkirk	37,200	14	36	19	7	1	13	18.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	235
17. Airdrie	31,900	17	32	2	..	2	4	6.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	233
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 2, 1955.	2,587,900	1009	1631	752	112	63	703	14.2	23	17	4	34	6	6	2	3	22	21	30	48	105	78	25	438	57†	25†	39.7‡	0.10‡	41.7‡	..
Mar. 26, 1955.	2,587,900	961	1055	803	111	68	760	15.3	28	21	5	38	12	8	4	1	15	14	33	46	114	85	28	497	50†	21†	35.7‡	1.06‡	15.0‡	..
Apr. 3, 1954.	2,586,800‖	982	1648	721	113	49	657	13.2	26	15	3	26	5	6	..	1	8	6	25	39	115	91	25	414	58†	28†	45.3‡	1.16‡	28.6‡	..

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 14

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 9th April 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 9th April 1955, the births of 879 living children, and of 30 stillborn children, 1,082 marriages and 701 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 21.8 and the death-rate 14.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 33 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.8 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 11.1 less than in the previous week, and 3.7 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 1.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 26.6 in Falkirk and 23.1 in Ayr to 7.7 in Hamilton and 6.5 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 21.0 and in Dundee 16.2. In Glasgow the rate was 13.6 and in Edinburgh 15.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 5 and are 2 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 13, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 9 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 82, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 37, being 3 more than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 453, and are 15 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 5th April 1955, was 17,226. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.9° being 9.2° above that for the previous week, and 5.8° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.63 inch, and the mean sunshine 20.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 14 — **Week ended SATURDAY, April 9th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3	1	..	..	8	..	5	4	..	..	..	..	14
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	..	..	..	..	62	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	14
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	65	..	2	..	..	..	1	5	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	15

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	2	..	..	2	6	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	26	..	3	..	..	..	16	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	12	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	1	..	..	..	49	..	5	..	..	..	62	..	..	2	23	2	..	..	2	21	..	25	7	..	..	..	..	..	5
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	2	..	..	..	53	..	1	..	..	..	12	1	..	..	19	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	83	..	6	..	96	..	6	..	..	..	71	..	..	2	68	..	1	3	4	11	..	48	2	..	..	2	..	35
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	6	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	5	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	98	..	6	..	195	..	11	..	..	..	184	1	..	5	117	13	1	5	4	39	..	89	4	..	..	2	..	56	
GRAND TOTAL	17	99	..	6	..	330	..	20	..	..	..	248	6	..	8	162	19	2	5	6	71	..	130	16	..	..	2	..	96	

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 14

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 9, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 5, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 5th April 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	339	541	302	37	17	282	13.6	17	9	3	16	5	1	..	2	10	9	18	21	41	27	9	171	57	40	48.6	0.78	12.0	4,860
2. Edinburgh	468,800	170	175	148	13	7	142	15.8	3	3	..	6	..	1	..	1	1	1	6	8	26	23	6	107	58	41	49.7	0.11	20.7	1,439
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	62	97	44	9	1	36	10.1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	7	1	22	60	33	48.1	0.43	41.2	582
4. Dundee .	177,100	65	68	61	10	4	55	16.2	3	1	..	2	..	..	1	2	..	..	7	3	9	4	2	36	59	38	49.1	0.23	21.7	877
5. Paisley .	94,700	39	22	35	10	1	26	14.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	..	1	17	58	41	50.0	0.82	18.1	459
6. Greenock .	77,300	34	22	20	3	1	18	12.1	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	1	9	57	41	49.2	1.68	21.4	439
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	23	22	23	2	7	28	21.0	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	4	3	1	18	..	..	..	..	..	566
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	7	19	11	3	..	8	8.3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	212
9. Coatbridge	49,900	23	16	11	1	5	15	15.7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	304
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	15	10	4	1	7	8.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	5	58	38	48.6	0.13	16.6	256
11. Clydebank	47,600	17	7	15	5	4	14	15.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	323
12. Ayr . .	42,800	13	13	19	2	2	19	23.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	309
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	27	12	12	4	5	13	15.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	9	56	41	49.1	1.37	16.3	256
14. Perth .	40,800	11	23	8	1	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	6	59	35	47.8	0.16	18.9	170
15. Hamilton .	40,700	10	11	5	..	1	6	7.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	631
16. Falkirk .	37,200	14	14	27	9	1	19	26.6	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	1	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	226
17. Airdrie .	31,900	13	5	4	2	2	4	6.5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	223
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 9, 1955.	2,587,900	879	1082	755	115	61	701	14.1	30	18	3	37	6	4	3	5	13	12	38	44	109	80	26	453	60†	33†	48.9‡	0.63‡	20.8‡	
Apr. 2, 1955.	2,587,900	1009	1631	752	112	63	703	14.2	23	17	4	34	6	6	2	3	22	21	30	48	105	78	25	438	57†	25†	39.7‡	0.10‡	41.7‡	
Apr. 10, 1954.	2,586,800‖	930	989	669	84	40	625	12.6	23	16	3	29	5	9	1	2	15	12	27	24	84	102	25	388	59†	31†	44.7‡	0.13‡	43.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 15

LIBRARY

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 16th April 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 16th April 1955, the births of 1,034 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 365 marriages and 616 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.4 and the death-rate 12.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 3.1 more than in the previous week, and 3.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 14.4 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the average. The death-rate is 1.7 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.5 in Dundee and 15.7 in Kilmarnock to 8.2 in Airdrie and 6.1 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Perth 15.3 and in Motherwell & Wishaw 13.5. In Glasgow the rate was 12.5, and in Edinburgh 11.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 2 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia and 2 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 3 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 69, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 40, being 3 more than in the previous week. Of these, 20 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 382, and are 71 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 2 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 12th April 1955, was 15,505. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.6° being 0.3° below that for the previous week, but 4.6° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.02 inch, and the mean sunshine 50.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 15 **Week ended SATURDAY, April 16th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	16
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	4
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	10	3	..	..	..	1	..	14	6	..	..	..	..	30
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	1	35	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	15
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	1	37	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	6	1	..	..	1	3	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	17

South-Eastern Region.—																													
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	21	..	1	..	..	1	11	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	..	..	..	..	44	..	3	..	..	1	102	..	..	1	24	1	..	..	..	..	13	..	25	4	..	..	..	..	15
Western Region.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	11	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	21	..	..	..	9	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	11	83	..	7	2	161	..	8	..	..	..	57	..	..	4	175	..	1	7	..	27	..	24	4	..	..	1	..	25
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	89	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	14	89	..	7	2	227	..	9	..	..	..	167	..	..	6	230	15	1	7	1	50	..	79	16	1	..	1	..	37
Grand Total	18	89	..	7	3	328	..	18	..	..	1	270	7	..	9	273	20	1	7	2	67	..	132	28	1	..	1	..	102

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 15

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 16, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 12, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 12th April 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	498	171	281	36	16	261	12.5	14	10	2	20	4	3	2	2	2	1	17	22	30	26	10	168	60	33	48.1	0.06	44.7	3,884
2. Edinburgh	468,800	145	49	125	20	2	107	11.9	1	4	..	5	2	1	..	1	..	..	3	4	16	16	4	67	59	35	48.0	..	60.8	1,373
3. Aberdeen	186,200	60	29	55	13	3	45	12.6	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	8	5	3	32	63	31	47.7	..	48.7	585
4. Dundee	177,100	61	34	53	6	9	56	16.5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	2	4	6	10	3	5	33	63	35	49.4	..	55.0	662
5. Paisley	94,700	41	4	21	5	1	17	9.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	8	61	35	49.6	..	37.3	460
6. Greenock	77,300	36	9	11	1	3	13	8.8	3	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	1	..	2	7	60	37	48.9	0.04	44.7	364
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	35	9	23	7	2	18	13.5	2	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	3	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	565
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	19	2	13	3	2	12	12.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	241
9. Coatbridge	49,900	24	9	10	1	3	12	12.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	272
10. Dunfermline	45,100	14	5	13	2	..	11	12.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	..	6	59	33	47.7	0.00	52.2	226
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	7	7	1	5	11	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	249
12. Ayr	42,800	14	9	9	6	2	5	6.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	265
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	16	3	12	2	3	13	15.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	7	63	32	47.9	0.05	47.9	241
14. Perth	40,800	11	12	15	4	1	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	6	64	31	49.9	..	63.7	132
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	5	3	2	8	9	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	585
16. Falkirk	37,200	12	2	9	2	2	9	12.6	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	234
17. Airdrie	31,900	12	6	4	1	2	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	209
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 16, 1955	2,587,900	1034	365	664	112	64	616	12.4	22	20	3	40	7	5	3	3	11	9	30	39	96	65	28	382	64†	31†	48.6‡	0.02‡	50.6‡	
Apr. 9, 1955	2,587,900	879	1082	755	115	61	701	14.1	30	18	3	37	6	4	3	5	13	12	38	44	109	80	26	453	60†	33†	48.9‡	0.63‡	20.8‡	
Apr. 17, 1954	2,586,800‖	769	175	577	95	53	535	10.8	24	27	3	42	7	8	..	3	11	10	22	24	95	53	21	304	64†	34†	48.2‡	0.17‡	35.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 16

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 23rd April 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 23rd April 1955, the births of 931 living children, and of 26 stillborn children, 225 marriages and 651 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.5 and the death-rate 13.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.0 less than in the previous week, and 1.5 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.5 below the average. The death-rate is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.3 in Ayr and 15.8 in Motherwell & Wishaw to 9.4 in Dundee and Coatbridge and 6.5 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley, Clydebank and Falkirk 15.4, and in Perth 15.3. In Glasgow the rate was 12.5 and in Edinburgh 14.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, but the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 51, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.0 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 36, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 19 were aged 0-6 days and 6 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 410, and are 28 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 26, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 19th April 1955, was 15,525. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.4° being 0.2° below that for the previous week, but 4.0° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.08 inch, and the mean sunshine 58.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 16 — **Week ended SATURDAY, April 23rd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	6
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	22
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	4	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	3

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	1	..	..	2	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	1	..	..	..	18	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	21	2	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	21	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	82	..	2	..	..	..	58	1	..	1	15	2	..	..	2	15	..	41	4	..	..	..	..	10
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	11	..	..	..	17	..	1	..	..	..	13	1	..	..	21	..	..	..	2	2	..	15	4	..	..	..	..	14
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	7	243	..	3	1	161	..	5	..	..	..	104	..	..	2	107	..	2	3	1	16	..	53	5	1	..	..	..	23
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	1	3	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	13	262	..	3	1	210	..	11	..	..	..	193	1	..	2	155	11	2	3	3	35	..	98	13	2	..	..	..	51
GRAND TOTAL	14	263	..	3	1	323	..	16	..	..	..	267	8	..	4	184	14	2	3	6	55	..	155	19	2	..	..	..	86

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 16

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 23, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 19, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 19th April 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	442	95	257	24	26	259	12.5	13	11	3	20	6	5	1	1	8	8	7	15	45	34	12	144	69	32	50.1	0.00	59.4	4,608
2. Edinburgh	468,800	128	49	143	14	5	134	14.9	2	2	1	4	..	1	..	..	1	1	4	7	20	20	4	95	64	34	47.8	0.12	55.7	1,018
3. Aberdeen	186,200	63	14	54	14	5	45	12.6	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	5	12	4	28	61	33	45.1	0.08	46.7	457
4. Dundee	177,100	65	15	37	6	1	32	9.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	3	7	1	24	62	34	47.2	0.03	60.7	708
5. Paisley	94,700	37	6	28	2	2	28	15.4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	4	5	1	19	69	35	51.3	0.03	57.8	296
6. Greenock	77,300	22	10	24	2	..	22	14.8	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	3	2	16	66	38	50.3	0.09	63.9	313
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	23	3	12	1	10	21	15.8	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	6	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	567
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	18	6	12	2	2	12	12.4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	236
9. Coatbridge	49,900	25	3	7	1	3	9	9.4	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	305
10. Dunfermline	45,100	19	8	14	3	1	12	13.9	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	7	67	32	47.4	0.07	54.5	231
11. Clydebank	47,600	21	3	10	1	5	14	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	292
12. Ayr	42,800	7	4	19	6	2	15	18.3	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	237
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	9	..	15	4	1	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	8	64	34	48.7	0.14	66.6	227
14. Perth	40,800	13	5	14	3	1	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	9	71	30	48.1	0.12	59.1	177
15. Hamilton	40,700	12	1	6	1	4	9	11.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	579
16. Falkirk	37,200	16	1	11	1	1	11	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	226
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	2	2	..	2	4	6.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	184
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Apr. 23, 1955.	2,587,900	931	225	665	85	71	651	13.1	26	19	6	36	7	8	2	2	11	11	15	36	103	102	26	410	71†	30†	48.4‡	0.08‡	58.3‡	
Apr. 16, 1955.	2,587,900	1034	365	664	112	64	616	12.4	22	20	3	40	7	5	3	3	11	9	30	39	96	65	28	382	64†	31†	48.6‡	0.02‡	50.6‡	
Apr. 24, 1954.	2,586,800‖	1101	310	612	95	59	576	11.6	24	13	2	26	..	5	2	3	11	10	22	24	107	77	24	346	57†	28†	44.1‡	0.00‡	46.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 17

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 30th April 1955

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In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 30th April 1955, the births of 1,016 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 224 marriages and 613 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.5 and the death-rate 12.4. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.8 below the average. The death-rate is 0.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.6 in Hamilton and 15.7 in Coatbridge to 8.5 in Ayr and 5.5 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 15.0 and in Dundee 14.4. In Glasgow the rate was 12.4 and in Edinburgh 11.9.

There were no deaths registered from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 2 deaths were registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, of which 13 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 more than in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 55, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.1 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 33, being 3 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 366, and are 44 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 24, and are 2 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 26th April 1955, was 15,546. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 49.4° being 1.0° above that for the previous week, and 3.5° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.65 inch, and the mean sunshine 37.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 17 **Week ended SATURDAY, April 30th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness C.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	2	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	12
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	17
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	5	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	5	..	..	..	19	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	2

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	5	..	20	1	..	..	..	..	15
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	62	..	4	..	..	..	73	..	..	2	17	..	..	..	2	16	..	33	6	..	..	1	..	17
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	23	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	10	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	16
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
Glasgow B.	16	233	..	2	1	158	..	2	..	..	..	148	..	..	4	100	..	..	5	3	26	..	53	10	..	..	..	..	54
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	15	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	17	276	..	2	1	208	..	4	1	..	..	229	2	..	5	143	12	..	5	3	60	..	101	15	..	..	..	..	90
GRAND TOTAL	18	284	..	2	1	296	..	12	1	..	..	314	6	..	8	170	12	..	5	5	81	..	158	24	..	..	1	..	129

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 17

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 30, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 26, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 26th April 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	451	89	269	35	23	257	12.4	10	8	2	12	5	..	1	..	5	5	6	15	53	37	6	165	59	33	49.1	0.70	35.4	4,431
2. Edinburgh	468,800	140	53	109	9	7	107	11.9	6	6	..	8	5	..	..	..	2	2	2	10	21	10	5	61	60	36	50.4	0.18	44.5	1,392
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	78	10	54	17	2	39	10.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	6	3	25	60	34	47.1	0.30	37.2	545
4. Dundee .	177,100	76	12	54	7	2	49	14.4	..	2	1	3	..	2	..	..	1	1	3	1	10	9	4	30	62	36	50.2	0.45	37.1	578
5. Paisley .	94,700	34	12	26	5	3	24	13.2	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	2	3	11	59	36	50.5	0.72	39.1	401
6. Greenock .	77,300	37	8	26	6	1	21	14.2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	3	2	3	..	11	58	38	49.7	1.54	38.7	396
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	23	3	13	2	4	15	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	522
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	30	1	11	2	4	13	13.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	223
9. Coatbridge	49,900	26	..	13	1	3	15	15.7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	282
10. Dunfermline	45,100	18	7	14	3	2	13	15.0	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	7	59	34	49.4	0.39	32.3	236
11. Clydebank	47,600	16	..	8	4	1	5	5.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	293
12. Ayr . .	42,800	17	5	8	2	1	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	245
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	15	4	9	4	5	10	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	6	58	33	49.7	1.00	36.1	263
14. Perth .	40,800	13	10	9	2	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	60	32	48.4	0.53	33.1	149
15. Hamilton .	40,700	16	4	11	2	4	13	16.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	570
16. Falkirk .	37,200	16	2	10	2	1	9	12.6	..	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	200
17. Airdrie .	31,900	10	4	7	..	..	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	166
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May 1, 1954.	2,586,800‖	1039	305	702	95	74	681	13.7	26	20	3	29	3	6	4	2	16	14	23	33	119	94	31	402	61†	28†	44.0‡	0.65‡	38.4‡	

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WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 7th May 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 7th May 1955, the births of 967 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 244 marriages and 563 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 4.9 and the death-rate 11.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 29 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 less than in the previous week, but 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, but the same as the average. The death-rate is 1.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.5 in Ayr and 13.5 in Dundee to 7.7 in Perth and 4.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen 13.2 and Airdrie 13.1. In Glasgow the rate was 10.6 and in Edinburgh 12.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 2 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza. There were 2 deaths from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 5 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 45, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 19 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 338, and are 28 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 3rd May 1955, was 14,793. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 49.5° being 0.1° above that for the previous week, and 3.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.47 inches, and the mean sunshine 38.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 18 **Week ended SATURDAY, May 7th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	7
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	43
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	9
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	..	..	..	1	61	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	1	62	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	9	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	13

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	3	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	19	2	..	..	..	..	12
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	63	..	4	..	..	..	56	1	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	8	..	24	2	..	..	..	..	17
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	10	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	4	..	15	6	..	..	..	..	15
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	10	91	..	4	4	197	..	4	..	..	..	57	..	..	1	88	..	4	4	3	23	..	59	7	..	..	..	..	30
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	13	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	13	117	..	4	4	259	..	11	..	..	1	87	..	..	1	125	9	4	4	7	49	..	106	19	..	..	..	..	55
GRAND TOTAL	14	119	..	4	5	393	..	16	..	..	2	153	3	..	2	150	14	4	4	7	69	..	157	24	..	..	..	..	128

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 18

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 7, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 3, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 3rd May 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	448	108	259	41	3	221	10.6	14	8	..	13	1	1	1	..	3	2	9	16	39	28	12	122	60	38	49.4	1.95	33.6	4,235
2. Edinburgh	468,800	149	42	123	15	6	114	12.7	5	6	..	6	2	..	..	..	2	2	3	1	21	18	5	65	58	39	49.1	0.66	41.1	1,252
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	59	28	55	9	1	47	13.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	11	8	2	27	58	38	47.8	0.81	35.7	495
4. Dundee .	177,100	57	18	49	7	4	46	13.5	1	3	1	4	1	1	..	1	2	2	2	1	9	5	..	29	61	41	50.8	0.80	43.6	606
5. Paisley .	94,700	36	3	20	6	3	17	9.4	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	2	10	60	40	50.8	2.05	36.4	384
6. Greenock .	77,300	32	3	24	5	..	19	12.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	14	57	41	49.7	2.80	38.6	362
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	28	7	14	2	5	17	12.8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	487
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	3	7	3	..	4	4.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	229
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	3	8	1	3	10	10.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	260
10. Dunfermline	45,100	17	4	9	2	..	7	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	58	37	48.8	1.40	32.5	248
11. Clydebank	47,600	22	1	6	2	4	8	8.8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	259
12. Ayr . .	42,800	20	5	17	4	3	16	19.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	3	..	2	13	..	..	..	..	..	217
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	17	6	15	6	..	9	10.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	57	40	49.1	1.85	40.0	224
14. Perth .	40,800	8	6	6	3	3	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	62	37	49.6	0.87	40.6	151
15. Hamilton .	40,700	8	4	7	2	2	7	9.0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	492
16. Falkirk .	37,200	10	2	9	2	..	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	201
17. Airdrie .	31,900	9	1	7	..	1	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	160
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 7, 1955.	2,587,900	967	244	635	110	38	563	11.3	29	19	1	28	4	2	1	2	9	8	19	26	100	79	27	338	62†	37†	49.5‡	1.47‡	38.0‡	
Apr. 30, 1955.	2,587,900	1016	224	651	103	65	613	12.4	19	22	4	33	14	2	2	..	15	13	20	35	114	83	24	366	62†	32†	49.4‡	0.65‡	37.1‡	
May 8, 1954.	2,586,800‖	1008	214	619	103	68	584	11.8	32	30	1	37	8	9	1	2	11	11	20	23	105	86	17	357	61†	35†	45.7‡	1.25‡	20.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL

SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 14th May 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 14th May 1955, the births of 926 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 129 marriages and 563 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 2.6 and the death-rate 11.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 less than in the previous week, and 0.8 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.6 in Airdrie and 14.5 in Kilmarnock to 6.8 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 3.8 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dundee 14.4 and Falkirk 14.0. In Glasgow the rate was 11.8 and in Edinburgh 11.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 2 deaths were registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 31, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 8 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 353, and are 15 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 10th May 1955, was 14,216. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 47.3° being 2.2° below that for the previous week, and 0.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.02 inches and the mean sunshine 39.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 19 — **Week ended SATURDAY, May 14th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	15
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	4
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	6	1	..	..	..	3	..	14	3	..	..	..	..	29
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	2	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	10
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	37						1	2			6					3		12						12

SOUTH-EASTERN REGION.—																												
Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	5
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	30	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	21	4	..	..	..	..	13
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	1	..	..	..	60	..	1	..	..	..	70	2	..	..	13	1	..	..	11	..	36	6	..	..	1	..	24
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	10	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	14	..	..	..	4	..	19	2	..	..	..	..	17
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	9	203	..	2	7	224	..	7	..	..	1	122	..	..	2	93	..	1	..	1	22	..	53	5	1	..	2	..	41
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	18	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	240	..	2	7	302	..	10	..	..	1	177	1	..	2	141	5	1	..	2	48	..	122	15	2	..	2	..	72
GRAND TOTAL	15	243	..	2	7	409	..	11	..	..	1	254	5	..	3	167	7	1	..	2	66	..	186	25	2	..	3	..	137

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 19

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 14, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 10, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 10th May 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	418	51	273	41	13	245	11.8	11	2	..	9	..	5	..	..	5	4	8	5	47	37	12	140	62	33	47.4	0.93	40.6	4,133
2. Edinburgh	468,800	130	31	115	19	4	100	11.1	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	26	8	3	69	59	33	46.7	0.94	40.0	1,209
3. Aberdeen	186,200	47	14	48	12	..	36	10.1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	10	3	3	23	61	32	44.6	1.74	33.6	507
4. Dundee	177,100	69	5	49	4	4	49	14.4	1	2	..	3	..	..	1	..	3	3	3	..	9	9	2	32	62	36	47.8	0.61	41.2	544
5. Paisley	94,700	31	4	28	9	5	24	13.2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	2	16	61	36	48.5	1.12	36.1	330
6. Greenock	77,300	34	2	16	3	..	13	8.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	10	60	37	47.5	1.36	42.7	402
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	2	9	4	4	9	6.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	423
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	2	10	1	..	9	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	222
9. Coatbridge	49,900	32	1	5	..	3	8	8.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	247
10. Dunfermline	45,100	18	3	6	1	3	8	9.3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	3	60	32	46.5	0.78	29.5	199
11. Clydebank	47,600	26	1	8	3	4	9	9.9	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	274
12. Ayr	42,800	13	1	9	3	1	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	200
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	19	3	9	..	3	12	14.5	..	1	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	9	60	37	48.2	1.00	41.9	242
14. Perth	40,800	9	5	9	6	..	3	3.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	62	34	48.1	0.67	45.9	126
15. Hamilton	40,700	9	2	7	4	6	9	11.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	456
16. Falkirk	37,200	14	1	11	2	1	10	14.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	220
17. Airdrie	31,900	18	1	9	..	3	12	19.6	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	165
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 14, 1955.	2,587,900	926	129	621	112	54	563	11.3	23	8	1	23	3	5	1	..	10	9	18	13	112	79	28	353	62†	32†	47.3‡	1.02‡	39.1‡	
May 7, 1955.	2,587,900	967	244	635	110	38	563	11.3	29	19	1	28	4	2	1	2	9	8	19	26	100	79	27	338	62†	37†	49.5‡	1.47‡	38.0‡	
May 15, 1954.	2,586,800‖	962	126	637	97	57	597	12.0	24	13	5	30	3	7	1	..	14	13	25	22	126	64	24	370	72†	38†	52.8‡	0.92‡	33.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 21st May 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 21st May 1955, the births of 937 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 165 marriages and 572 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 3.3 and the death-rate 11.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.5 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.7 in Coatbridge and 16.6 in Perth to 8.3 in Kirkcaldy and 6.6 in Paisley. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 16.2 and Edinburgh 13.3. In Glasgow the rate was 11.2.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 13 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 44, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 20, being 3 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days but there were none aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 352, and are 1 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 32, and are 4 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 17th May 1955, was 13,931. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.2° being 5.1° below that for the previous week, and 7.8° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.41 inch, and the mean sunshine 59.7 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 20 — **Week ended SATURDAY, May 21st, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	5	..	..	..	40	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	6
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
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East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	2	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	2	..	23	3	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
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TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	53	..	6	..	..	..	72	..	..	5	7	4	1	1	9	..	36	5	..	..	..	..	13
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Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	23	..	..	..	32	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	8	..	..	..	7	..	23	2	..	..	..	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Glasgow B.	3	103	..	3	1	135	..	..	..	..	..	60	1	..	..	70	..	2	5	1	22	..	37	9	..	..	1	..	38
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	16	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Paisley B.	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	5	147	..	3	1	207	..	5	..	..	..	78	3	..	..	98	9	4	6	3	51	..	88	12	..	..	1	..	65
GRAND TOTAL	7	152	..	3	1	314	..	12	..	..	..	160	6	..	5	122	13	6	7	3	65	..	153	18	..	..	2	..	114

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 21, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 17, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 17th May 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	392	67	258	35	11	234	11.2	11	10	..	11	2	3	..	..	5	5	9	11	40	28	10	142	53	31	42.3	0.31	61.2	3,932
2. Edinburgh	468,800	153	41	139	21	2	120	13.3	3	1	..	2	1	1	..	..	1	1	6	1	21	21	8	79	56	31	42.1	0.46	63.3	1,174
3. Aberdeen	186,200	72	17	46	13	3	36	10.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	3	9	1	19	48	32	39.8	0.51	57.7	505
4. Dundee	177,100	58	7	35	5	3	33	9.7	1	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	4	25	52	32	42.0	0.65	56.8	494
5. Paisley	94,700	38	5	13	2	1	12	6.6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	2	..	7	56	34	44.5	0.16	57.1	363
6. Greenock	77,300	37	6	24	3	3	24	16.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	7	5	1	10	53	35	43.4	0.18	64.5	388
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	21	3	14	3	4	15	11.3	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	448
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	17	1	6	1	3	8	8.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	201
9. Coatbridge	49,900	23	1	12	..	4	16	16.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	221
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	3	13	5	2	10	11.6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	7	52	31	41.6	0.63	54.0	215
11. Clydebank	47,600	26	2	9	2	2	9	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	250
12. Ayr	42,800	13	1	12	3	..	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	223
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	15	1	9	2	3	10	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	3	..	8	53	31	42.4	0.24	65.7	216
14. Perth	40,800	15	6	9	2	6	13	16.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	9	53	30	42.1	0.52	57.3	136
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	3	4	..	5	9	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	472
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	1	10	4	1	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	201
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	..	4	..	3	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	158
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 21, 1955.	2,587,900	937	165	617	101	56	572	11.5	20	14	..	20	3	5	1	..	14	13	19	25	95	85	32	352	56†	30†	42.2‡	0.41‡	59.7‡	
May 14, 1955.	2,587,900	926	129	621	112	54	563	11.3	23	8	1	23	3	5	1	..	10	9	18	13	112	79	28	353	62†	32†	47.3‡	1.02‡	39.1‡	
May 22, 1954.	2,586,800‖	954	168	591	92	48	547	11.0	31	16	3	29	4	6	1	..	12	12	17	18	84	72	30	353	68†	36†	50.9‡	0.24‡	48.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 21

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
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BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 28th May 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 28th May 1955, the births of 956 living children, and of 17 stillborn children, 156 marriages and 548 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 3.1 and the death-rate 11.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 17 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 14.8 in Greenock to 6.2 in Kirkcaldy and 5.5 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 12.8 and Kilmarnock 12.1. In Glasgow the rate was 11.2 and in Edinburgh 12.0.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 5 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 8 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 40, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 37, being 17 more than in the previous week. Of these, 24 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 358, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 19, and are 13 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 24th May 1955, was 13,481. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 51.0° being 8.8° above that for the previous week, but 0.8° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.13 inch, and the mean sunshine 54.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 21 **Week ended SATURDAY, May 28th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
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Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	4	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	29
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	5	..	..	..	34	..	1	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	6	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	8
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	5	..	..	..	35	..	2	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	9	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	13

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	43	..	3	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	6	..	19	..	..	..	..	..	13
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	65	..	4	..	..	..	98	..	..	..	16	2	..	..	1	14	..	31	1	..	..	1	..	16
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	15	..	..	1	33	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	1	..	5	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	8
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	8	146	..	2	4	261	..	4	..	..	..	91	1	..	1	101	..	1	4	..	34	..	34	3	..	..	..	..	36
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	19	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	7	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	187	..	2	6	347	..	9	1	..	..	105	2	..	2	130	10	1	5	..	70	..	71	9	1	..	..	..	54
GRAND TOTAL	16	194	..	2	6	455	..	16	1	..	..	211	8	..	2	152	13	1	5	2	100	..	126	15	1	..	2	..	122

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 28, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 24, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 24th May 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	425	57	251	39	21	233	11.2	11	5	2	15	1	2	2	..	6	4	11	10	42	32	7	147	67	36	52.6	0.29	59.2	3,600
2. Edinburgh	468,800	140	33	127	22	3	108	12.0	2	5	..	6	2	1	..	..	..	..	8	1	21	16	4	77	60	37	49.3	0.04	60.3	1,085
3. Aberdeen	186,200	62	15	43	12	1	32	9.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	7	..	26	57	32	47.4	0.08	51.5	481
4. Dundee	177,100	62	4	36	4	..	32	9.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	8	1	21	60	37	49.9	0.03	41.4	553
5. Paisley	94,700	35	5	24	9	4	19	10.5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	2	10	65	38	53.3	0.11	53.9	286
6. Greenock	77,300	39	6	23	4	3	22	14.8	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	1	..	15	66	37	52.1	0.22	52.7	399
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	17	1	13	3	10	20	15.0	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	468
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	19	3	4	1	3	6	6.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	195
9. Coatbridge	49,900	25	2	4	..	6	10	10.4	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	226
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	6	11	2	1	10	11.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	7	61	36	50.3	0.03	61.8	227
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	3	6	3	2	5	5.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	209
12. Ayr	42,800	11	4	9	2	1	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	253
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	28	2	12	4	2	10	12.1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	6	69	35	52.7	0.29	61.2	229
14. Perth	40,800	15	6	11	3	1	9	11.5	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	63	35	51.2	0.04	43.9	134
15. Hamilton	40,700	17	5	5	..	5	10	12.8	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	473
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	4	12	7	2	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	183
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	..	3	1	5	7	11.4	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	147
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended May 28, 1955.	2,587,900	956	156	594	116	70	548	11.0	17	24	2	37	7	3	2	..	7	5	23	17	82	79	19	358	69†	32†	51.0‡	0.13‡	54.0‡	
May 21, 1955.	2,587,900	937	165	617	101	56	572	11.5	20	14	..	20	3	5	1	..	14	13	19	25	95	85	32	352	56†	30†	42.2‡	0.41‡	59.7‡	
May 29, 1954.	2,586,800‖	901	136	595	92	56	559	11.3	21	17	2	26	3	5	2	2	14	12	20	18	101	73	16	335	69†	41†	54.6‡	1.49‡	22.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 4th June 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 4th June 1955, the births of 1,025 living children, and of 31 stillborn children, 323 marriages and 575 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 20.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.5 and the death-rate 11.6. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 29 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.7 above the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.3 in Clydebank and 13.5 in Dundee and Greenock, to 7.3 in Kilmarnock and 6.3 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 13.1 and Perth 12.8. In Glasgow the rate was 11.7 and in Edinburgh 12.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 3 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from whooping cough, 1 from meningococcal septicæmia, and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 19, of which 16 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 12 more than in the previous week, and the latter 11 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 28, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 9 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 349, and are 9 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 2 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 31st May 1955, was 14,239. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 54.7° being 3.7° above that for the previous week, and 0.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.16 inch, and the mean sunshine 77.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 22 — **Week ended SATURDAY, June 4th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	12
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	9	4	..	1	..	4	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	27
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	6	..	..	1	26	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	6	..	..	1	27	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	6	..	12	5	..	..	..	..	10

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	7	..	8	1	1	..	..	..	24
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	60	..	1	1	..	..	76	1	..	2	8	..	..	..	11	..	11	2	1	..	..	..	31
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	10	..	..	..	25	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	5	..	18	5	..	..	..	..	9
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	10	160	..	4	3	194	..	3	..	..	..	113	6	..	1	115	..	2	2	5	20	..	70	13	..	..	..	..	40
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	11
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	15	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	190	..	4	4	265	3	5	..	..	..	118	6	..	2	162	11	5	2	5	58	..	121	25	..	..	..	..	73
GRAND TOTAL	15	196	..	4	5	368	3	8	1	..	..	198	12	..	4	183	15	5	3	5	79	..	147	36	1	..	1	..	141

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 4, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED MAY 31, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 31st May 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	453	124	251	28	20	243	11.7	16	11	..	12	4	3	..	1	11	9	10	7	43	26	9	141	77	40	56.2	0.33	77.2	4,108
2. Edinburgh	468,800	148	63	126	19	3	110	12.2	6	..	3	6	..	2	1	..	2	2	1	2	22	16	4	75	69	40	54.3	..	76.2	1,206
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	63	27	54	16	1	39	10.9	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	9	1	27	65	34	49.6	..	95.7	527
4. Dundee .	177,100	65	21	46	6	6	46	13.5	..	1	..	4	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	15	4	5	23	68	42	53.9	0.00	73.3	542
5. Paisley .	94,700	46	11	20	5	3	18	9.9	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	1	10	74	43	57.1	0.37	70.0	304
6. Greenock .	77,300	31	12	22	3	1	20	13.5	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	6	..	..	15	71	41	56.1	0.36	71.3	347
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	35	7	13	2	2	13	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	508
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	21	5	12	3	1	10	10.3	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	227
9. Coatbridge	49,900	29	2	4	..	2	6	6.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	223
10. Dunfermline	45,100	16	1	12	4	1	9	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	70	40	54.0	0.00	84.5	214
11. Clydebank	47,600	34	6	9	3	7	13	14.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	269
12. Ayr . .	42,800	17	13	11	3	..	8	9.7	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	241
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	17	8	9	3	..	6	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	73	39	56.7	0.34	73.2	239
14. Perth .	40,800	12	10	10	4	4	10	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5	..	7	74	36	54.3	..	79.5	107
15. Hamilton .	40,700	15	7	6	1	3	8	10.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	459
16. Falkirk .	37,200	9	4	15	8	1	8	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	202
17. Airdrie .	31,900	14	2	6	1	3	8	13.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	169
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 4, 1955.	2,587,900	1025	323	626	109	58	575	11.6	31	14	4	28	5	7	2	3	19	16	14	14	120	72	21	349	77†	34†	54.7‡	0.16‡	77.9‡	
May 28, 1955.	2,587,900	956	156	594	116	70	548	11.0	17	24	2	37	7	3	2	..	7	5	23	17	82	79	19	358	69†	32†	51.0‡	0.13‡	54.0‡	
June 5, 1954.	2,586,800‖	982	318	571	90	55	536	10.8	20	16	3	29	5	8	4	1	10	9	18	18	94	71	28	331	75†	38†	55.3‡	0.03‡	73.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 23

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 11th June 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 11th June 1955, the births of 977 living children, and of 13 stillborn children, 535 marriages and 537 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.8 and the death-rate 10.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 13 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 less than in the previous week, but 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 4.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.8 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.0 in Dunfermline and 14.7 in Airdrie to 7.2 in Paisley and 6.6 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Aberdeen, 14.6 and Kilmarnock, 14.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.2 and in Edinburgh 11.6.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were 3 deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 8 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 8 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 34, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 5 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 325, and are 24 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 23, and are 2 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 7th June 1955, was 14,436. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 51.6° being 3.1° below that for the previous week, and 2.7° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.14 inch, and the mean sunshine 38.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 23 — **Week ended SATURDAY, June 11th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	9	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	32
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	13	..	..	..	17	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	5
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	13	..	..	..	17	..	3	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	22	2	..	..	..	..	8

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Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	7
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	75	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	55	1	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	7	4	..	..	..	..	24
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	138	2	..	1	13	1	..	..	..	11	..	27	8	1	..	..	..	33
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	21	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	9	..	..	..	2	10	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1	4	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	10	175	..	2	4	204	..	3	..	..	..	85	..	..	1	121	..	1	4	1	24	..	38	8	1	..	1	..	20
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	24	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	5
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	223	..	2	4	273	..	5	1	..	..	117	2	..	2	150	8	2	6	6	68	..	93	13	1	..	1	..	36
GRAND TOTAL	13	236	..	2	4	339	..	8	1	..	..	258	5	..	5	178	12	2	7	6	84	..	143	24	2	..	1	..	109

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 11, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 7, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from*: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from*: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from*: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from*: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from*: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from*: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from*: Pneumonia	Deaths from*: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from*: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from*: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from*: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 7th June 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	440	223	233	37	16	212	10.2	8	8	3	12	3	5	..	..	5	3	8	8	46	29	5	123	71	36	51.9	0.17	42.5	4,115
2. Edinburgh	468,800	158	98	123	24	5	104	11.6	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	3	22	11	5	73	61	40	49.6	0.41	38.1	1,070
3. Aberdeen	186,200	62	40	64	13	1	52	14.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	7	11	4	26	60	37	47.4	0.04	28.2	547
4. Dundee	177,100	59	39	29	3	3	29	8.5	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	7	1	12	65	40	52.2	0.04	34.1	563
5. Paisley	94,700	44	18	20	8	1	13	7.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	4	3	2	6	70	41	53.2	0.06	40.0	307
6. Greenock	77,300	35	19	23	4	1	20	13.5	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	2	1	11	69	41	52.5	0.06	41.1	398
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	29	10	11	1	5	15	11.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	468
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	14	13	5	2	10	10.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	221
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	9	8	1	4	11	11.5	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	276
10. Dunfermline	45,100	7	13	11	1	3	13	15.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	2	12	65	38	51.0	0.18	46.3	244
11. Clydebank	47,600	16	6	11	5	..	6	6.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	270
12. Ayr	42,800	10	11	9	1	1	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	229
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	21	7	14	3	1	12	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	3	..	9	70	39	54.2	0.23	47.1	223
14. Perth	40,800	18	9	9	4	1	6	7.7	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	67	31	52.2	0.08	33.0	146
15. Hamilton	40,700	13	11	4	..	6	10	12.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	400
16. Falkirk	37,200	7	4	9	4	1	6	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	205
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	4	6	1	4	9	14.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	156
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 11, 1955.	2,587,900	977	535	597	115	55	537	10.8	13	14	5	23	3	7	1	..	11	8	12	22	108	84	23	325	71†	31†	51.6‡	0.14‡	38.9‡	
June 4, 1955.	2,587,900	1025	323	626	109	58	575	11.6	31	14	4	28	5	7	2	3	19	16	14	14	120	72	21	349	77†	34†	54.7‡	0.16‡	77.9‡	
June 12, 1954.	2,586,800‖	947	502	536	86	58	508	10.2	36	18	1	27	7	3	2	1	16	13	10	14	104	66	16	308	66†	37†	52.6‡	0.70‡	22.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 18th June 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 18th June 1955, the births of 871 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 422 marriages and 494 deaths. In the case of births, still-births and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.5 and the death-rate 10.0. The number of still-births corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including still-born).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.2 less than in the previous week, and 1.3 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average. The death-rate is 0.8 less than in the previous week, and 0.5 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 12.8 in Greenock and 12.7 in Paisley to 6.5 in Airdrie and 3.8 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kirkcaldy, 12.4 and Aberdeen, 11.8. In Glasgow the rate was 9.6 and in Edinburgh 10.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 2 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from measles. There was also 1 death from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 10 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 31, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 24, being 1 more than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 307, and are 18 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 24, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 14th June 1955, was 13,512. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 55.0° being 3.4° above that for the previous week, and 0.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.44 inch, and the mean sunshine 53.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 24 — **Week ended SATURDAY, June 18th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	7	2	1	..	..	5	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	13
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	4	..	..	1	28	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	1	28	..	2	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	4	..	12	4	..	..	..	..	3

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	27	..	3	..	..	..	40	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	5	..	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	2	..	..	..	44	..	4	2	..	..	115	..	..	1	14	1	..	..	..	8	..	31	4	..	..	..	..	14
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	26	..	..	..	33	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	14	..	1	..	4	..	15	3	..	..	..	..	..	17
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	5	143	..	2	3	233	..	5	..	..	..	73	1	..	3	96	..	1	5	1	29	..	34	2	..	..	..	..	27
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	23	..	..	..	31	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	6	203	..	2	3	313	..	8	..	..	1	82	2	..	3	143	11	4	5	2	61	..	91	9	..	..	..	..	57
GRAND TOTAL	8	212	..	2	4	388	..	14	2	..	1	205	8	..	6	171	14	6	5	2	78	..	141	19	..	..	..	..	90

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 18, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 14, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 14th June 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	376	174	215	34	19	200	9.6	8	10	..	13	4	1	..	2	5	5	9	11	37	31	10	122	74	40	55.4	0.72	47.3	3,901
2. Edinburgh	468,800	132	78	111	20	6	97	10.8	1	..	3	4	..	3	..	..	1	1	1	..	33	8	5	59	68	41	54.0	0.14	58.4	1,096
3. Aberdeen	186,200	57	30	53	16	5	42	11.8	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	10	1	28	72	35	51.8	0.39	62.2	517
4. Dundee	177,100	67	27	28	3	2	27	7.9	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	8	1	2	15	70	45	56.2	0.23	61.1	543
5. Paisley	94,700	28	18	21	3	5	23	12.7	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	3	1	18	73	42	56.4	0.33	42.8	321
6. Greenock	77,300	31	7	22	3	..	19	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	2	..	12	70	43	55.4	0.81	43.5	383
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	21	14	9	2	6	13	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	429
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	20	11	11	5	6	12	12.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	216
9. Coatbridge	49,900	14	6	6	..	1	7	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	254
10. Dunfermline	45,100	20	10	7	1	1	7	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	68	44	54.2	0.31	53.6	212
11. Clydebank	47,600	26	2	8	1	3	10	11.0	2	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	226
12. Ayr	42,800	13	16	9	3	3	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	209
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	15	8	8	1	2	9	10.9	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	72	40	55.2	0.77	51.5	195
14. Perth	40,800	15	3	9	6	..	3	3.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	72	41	56.1	0.24	62.1	133
15. Hamilton	40,700	14	8	3	..	3	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	437
16. Falkirk	37,200	7	4	8	3	1	6	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	181
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	6	4	1	1	4	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	137
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 18, 1955.	2,587,900	871	422	532	102	64	494	10.0	19	15	3	24	4	6	..	2	12	10	16	15	108	68	24	307	74†	35†	55.0‡	0.44‡	53.6‡	
June 11, 1955.	2,587,900	977	535	597	115	55	537	10.8	13	14	5	23	3	7	1	..	11	8	12	22	108	84	23	325	71†	31†	51.6‡	0.14‡	38.9‡	
June 19, 1954.	2,586,800‖	923	395	563	100	62	525	10.6	19	14	3	26	5	4	1	2	10	9	12	16	106	72	20	309	70†	38†	55.5‡	0.94‡	24.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 25th June 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 25th June 1955, the births of 953 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 439 marriages and 541 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.8 and the death-rate 10.9. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 25 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, but 0.5 below the average. The death-rate is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.5 in Kirkcaldy and 14.5 in Kilmarnock to 4.6 in Dunfermline and 3.7 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 14.1 and Greenock 13.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.9 and in Edinburgh 11.7.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are the same as in the previous week. They include 1 from measles and 1 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 24, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 10 more than in the previous week. Of these, 27 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 328, and are 21 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 21st June 1955, was 13,254. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.1° being 1.1° above that for the previous week, and 0.7° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.19 inch, and the mean sunshine 36.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 25 **Week ended SATURDAY, June 25th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	23	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	23	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	2	..	..	..	3	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	6
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	4	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	8	3	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	1	4	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	8	3	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	6	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	15

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	7
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	64	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	1	..	..	..	50	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	3	..	11	4	..	..	..	..	35
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	47	..	4	..	..	..	119	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	..	9	..	34	6	..	..	..	..	48
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	13	..	..	..	31	..	1	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	11
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	5	120	..	4	3	220	..	3	..	..	..	40	1	..	2	80	..	2	4	1	12	..	50	11	..	..	1	..	18
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	10	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	5	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	151	..	4	3	297	..	4	..	..	1	49	3	..	2	111	4	3	4	2	44	..	87	20	..	..	1	..	44
GRAND TOTAL	9	178	..	4	3	368	..	10	..	..	1	181	6	..	3	141	6	5	4	2	63	..	137	30	..	..	1	..	117

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 25

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 25, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 21, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 21st June 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	423	187	248	39	17	226	10.9	13	13	..	17	1	3	..	1	4	4	3	9	52	34	8	135	69	44	55.8	0.32	29.5	3,711
2. Edinburgh	468,800	147	88	123	23	5	105	11.7	1	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	2	22	15	3	65	67	41	55.6	0.07	46.8	1,046
3. Aberdeen	186,200	71	29	55	15	2	42	11.8	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	12	12	2	28	66	43	54.9	0.06	46.5	535
4. Dundee	177,100	57	28	34	4	6	36	10.6	..	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	3	1	27	72	46	58.1	0.06	37.7	537
5. Paisley	94,700	23	11	28	9	..	19	10.5	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	1	10	67	48	56.3	0.29	31.4	280
6. Greenock	77,300	25	17	22	4	2	20	13.5	..	3	..	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	3	12	67	46	55.9	0.42	28.2	326
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	20	15	10	3	6	13	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	443
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	13	14	13	2	4	15	15.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	200
9. Coatbridge	49,900	30	6	7	1	..	6	6.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	252
10. Dunfermline	45,100	18	7	9	5	..	4	4.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	66	45	55.4	0.13	38.2	225
11. Clydebank	47,600	19	3	5	2	4	7	7.7	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	197
12. Ayr	42,800	30	9	5	3	1	3	3.7	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	260
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	21	4	10	1	3	12	14.5	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	3	..	4	67	44	55.9	0.24	23.6	191
14. Perth	40,800	17	7	8	2	3	9	11.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	71	41	56.7	0.14	42.6	127
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	7	6	1	6	11	14.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	432
16. Falkirk	37,200	12	2	8	4	2	6	8.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	227
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	5	3	..	4	7	11.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	127
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended June 25, 1955.	2,587,900	953	439	594	118	65	541	10.9	24	27	1	34	6	6	..	2	11	9	10	14	114	77	21	328	72†	41†	56.1‡	0.19‡	36.1‡	
June 18, 1955.	2,587,900	871	422	532	102	64	494	10.0	19	15	3	24	4	6	..	2	12	10	16	15	108	68	24	307	74†	35†	55.0‡	0.44‡	53.6‡	
June 26, 1954.	2,586,800‖	892	441	549	98	45	496	10.0	26	14	2	29	1	4	1	3	5	5	11	18	102	66	20	293	65†	42†	54.8‡	0.95‡	16.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 26

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 2nd July 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 2nd July 1955, the births of 881 living children, and of 13 stillborn children, 543 marriages and 512 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.9 and the death-rate 10.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 15 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.4 less than in the previous week, and 0.4 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.6 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.4 in Perth and 14.6 in Ayr to 7.7 in Dundee and 7.3 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 12.8 and Edinburgh 11.5. In Glasgow the rate was 10.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were 2 deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 2, both of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 7 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 26, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 25, being 9 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 17 were aged 0-6 days but there were none aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 305, and are 23 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are the same as in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 28th June 1955, was 12,176. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 56.5° being 0.4° above that for the previous week, and 0.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.46 inches, and the mean sunshine 19.5 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 26 — **Week ended SATURDAY, July 2nd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	5
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Orkney C.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	6	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	5	2	1	..	..	5	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	10
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	6	..	..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	11
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	6	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	8	..	5	4	..	..	..	..	20

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	.	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	7	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	47	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	5	..	10	6	..	..	..	..	12
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	7	..	..	..	28	..	1	..	..	..	110	1	..	..	12	..	..	1	18	..	17	10	..	..	..	..	18
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	7	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	6	..	..	2	7	..	16	2	..	..	..	..	20
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	4	21	..	4	1	172	..	4	..	..	..	23	..	..	..	85	..	5	6	1	25	..	57	8	1	..	..	8
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	6
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	18	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	49	..	4	1	241	..	5	..	..	1	27	3	..	..	113	5	5	6	4	55	..	107	16	1	..	..	..	49
GRAND TOTAL	7	68	..	4	1	298	..	8	..	..	1	138	9	..	1	138	7	6	7	5	86	..	139	33	1	..	..	..	97

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 2, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JUNE 28, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	7-27 days	Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Principal Epidemic Diseases	Tuberculosis: All Forms	Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Pneumonia	Other Respiratory Diseases	Malignant Neoplasms	Coronary Thrombosis	Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Absolute Lowest	Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 28th June 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	396	200	223	27	15	211	10.1	9	10	..	14	3	3	..	..	2	2	9	6	38	31	10	124	65	46	55.6	1.75	17.4	3,427
2. Edinburgh	468,800	131	118	115	17	5	103	11.5	2	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	17	19	5	68	66	47	56.7	0.56	20.1	965
3. Aberdeen	186,200	63	40	41	8	1	34	9.5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	6	1	19	67	44	55.0	1.28	19.3	533
4. Dundee	177,100	60	32	35	10	1	26	7.7	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	4	..	11	71	48	58.1	1.41	18.5	483
5. Paisley	94,700	29	20	20	3	1	18	9.9	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	3	11	64	48	56.6	1.55	19.1	287
6. Greenock	77,300	29	29	16	4	1	13	8.8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	1	8	63	47	56.0	2.26	19.9	322
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	34	10	14	2	5	17	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	419
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	12	12	9	2	2	9	9.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	181
9. Coatbridge	49,900	14	10	4	1	7	10	10.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	258
10. Dunfermline	45,100	16	9	15	6	..	9	10.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	6	66	47	56.6	0.79	24.5	218
11. Clydebank	47,600	14	12	7	1	4	10	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	163
12. Ayr	42,800	14	8	12	3	3	12	14.6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	218
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	21	12	11	7	2	6	7.3	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	65	48	56.5	1.68	20.8	186
14. Perth	40,800	10	8	16	3	3	16	20.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	..	7	68	46	57.5	1.82	15.7	100
15. Hamilton	40,700	12	6	4	1	4	7	9.0	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	382
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	11	6	2	2	6	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	173
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	6	2	..	3	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	143
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 2, 1955	2,587,900	881	543	550	97	59	512	10.3	13	17	..	25	5	6	..	..	2	2	15	11	103	81	21	305	71†	44†	56.5‡	1.46‡	19.5‡	
June 25, 1955.	2,587,900	953	439	594	118	65	541	10.9	24	27	1	34	6	6	..	2	11	9	10	14	114	77	21	328	72†	41†	56.1‡	0.19‡	36.1‡	
July 3, 1954.	2,586,800	888	582	531	92	54	493	9.9	24	16	1	21	5	7	..	..	16	15	15	11	118	55	16	290	71†	39†	53.8‡	0.48‡	34.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 9th July 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 9th July 1955, the births of 884 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 671 marriages and 532 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 13.5 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 24 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is the same as in the previous week, but 0.9 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.6 more than in the previous week, and 1.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 18.3 in Ayr and 18.2 in Kilmarnock to 7.2 in Kirkcaldy and 4.9 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Hamilton 15.4 and in Perth 15.3. In Glasgow the rate was 9.5 and in Edinburgh 12.3.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 more than in the previous week, and the latter 9 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 33, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 2 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 323, and are 18 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 29, and are 8 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 5th July 1955, was 11,608. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 60.8° being 4.3° above that for the previous week, and 3.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.50 inch, and the mean sunshine 53.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 27 — **Week ended SATURDAY, July 9th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	5
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	4	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	3	..	..	..	6	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	38
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	5	..	..	..	22	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	5	..	..	..	23	..	2	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	7	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	4

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	5	..	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	24	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	17	1	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	5	..	..	..	19	..	2	2	..	..	87	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	8	..	28	3	..	..	..	..	13
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	2	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	1	8	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	7	23	..	3	3	172	..	6	..	..	..	15	..	..	1	70	..	2	3	4	27	..	40	7	..	..	..	..	9
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	12	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	8	41	..	3	3	219	..	8	..	..	..	17	..	..	1	99	5	5	3	5	54	..	85	18	..	..	1	..	33
GRAND TOTAL	10	55	..	3	3	268	..	14	2	..	..	107	3	..	2	115	9	6	3	5	75	..	133	24	..	..	1	..	88

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 9, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 5, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 5th July 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	371	254	208	27	17	198	9.5	9	6	..	8	2	2	..	..	6	6	6	6	42	23	10	121	81	45	61.9	0.46	58.8	3,356
2. Edinburgh	468,800	146	186	126	22	7	111	12.3	4	5	1	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	10	..	25	11	7	64	76	48	59.9	1.11	54.3	841
3. Aberdeen	186,200	69	55	64	19	4	49	13.7	3	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	11	1	38	77	41	57.9	0.24	45.8	430
4. Dundee	177,100	61	23	36	6	2	32	9.4	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	8	2	2	20	80	48	61.4	0.41	46.0	457
5. Paisley	94,700	40	18	16	2	..	14	7.7	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	9	81	47	62.4	0.58	53.5	289
6. Greenock	77,300	30	22	22	7	..	15	10.1	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	1	1	..	2	6	79	48	61.6	0.36	57.1	294
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	32	4	11	..	6	17	12.8	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	5	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	403
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	12	11	11	5	1	7	7.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	183
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	7	8	1	2	9	9.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	204
10. Dunfermline	45,100	11	19	11	2	1	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	1	6	77	46	60.7	0.46	51.4	176
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	10	7	3	3	7	7.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	168
12. Ayr	42,800	14	5	15	2	2	15	18.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	194
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	17	13	18	3	..	15	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	10	81	43	60.6	0.38	62.0	188
14. Perth	40,800	15	15	13	5	4	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	6	79	44	60.4	0.46	48.7	101
15. Hamilton	40,700	15	4	10	3	5	12	15.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	372
16. Falkirk	37,200	16	21	10	4	..	6	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	161
17. Airdrie	31,900	4	4	3	1	1	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	129
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 9, 1955.	2,587,900	884	671	589	112	55	532	10.7	22	15	1	23	3	8	1	..	11	11	20	13	115	70	29	323	81†	41†	60.8‡	0.50‡	53.1‡	
July 2, 1955.	2,587,900	881	543	550	97	59	512	10.3	13	17	..	25	5	6	..	..	2	2	15	11	103	81	21	305	71†	44†	56.5‡	1.46‡	19.5‡	
July 10, 1954.	2,586,800‖	921	595	552	90	55	517	10.4	31	19	2	29	13	4	..	..	12	10	11	16	110	67	27	305	66†	37†	54.2‡	0.61‡	25.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 16th July 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 16th July 1955, the births of 850 living children, and of 35 stillborn children, 653 marriages and 533 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 13.2 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 40 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.6 below the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 1.3 above the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.9 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.0 in Falkirk and 12.5 in Edinburgh to 6.1 in Kilmarnock and 5.1 in Perth and Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 12.2 and Paisley 12.1. In Glasgow the rate was 10.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from measles.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 5, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 6 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 36, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 305, and are 18 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 30, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 12th July 1955, was 10,443. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 64.5° being 3.7° above that for the previous week, and 5.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.01 inch, and the mean sunshine 75.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 28 **Week ended SATURDAY, July 16th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	24
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	2	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	2	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	10	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	6

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	2	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	14	2	..	..	..	..	21
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	32	..	2	..	..	..	82	..	..	..	10	1	1	..	..	4	..	24	4	..	..	..	..	34
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	5	..	8	2	..	..	2	..	5
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	2	8	..	2	2	99	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	38	..	3	1	..	13	..	40	4	..	..	1	..	4
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	6
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	8	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	18	..	2	2	124	..	7	..	..	..	9	1	..	1	64	3	7	2	1	23	..	75	11	..	..	3	..	26
GRAND TOTAL	4	21	..	2	2	168	..	9	..	..	..	93	5	..	1	85	7	9	2	1	40	..	110	18	..	..	3	..	90

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 28

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 16, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 12, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 12th July 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	351	298	223	22	23	224	10.8	12	7	2	14	3	4	..	1	3	3	10	8	44	31	13	116	83	49	64.9	0.03	80.2	2,956
2. Edinburgh	468,800	145	101	114	11	9	112	12.5	5	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	5	26	14	3	75	80	50	62.4	0.01	74.1	731
3. Aberdeen	186,200	55	71	49	13	4	40	11.2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	8	2	29	75	44	63.5	0.02	77.4	308
4. Dundee	177,100	58	29	34	4	4	34	10.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	8	7	2	18	83	52	66.4	0.00	71.2	454
5. Paisley	94,700	25	16	23	2	1	22	12.1	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	13	83	51	65.5	0.01	78.8	219
6. Greenock	77,300	36	9	21	8	1	14	9.4	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10	80	51	65.1	0.02	73.6	169
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	23	31	14	2	2	14	10.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	442
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	13	8	2	..	6	6.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	173
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	13	8	..	3	11	11.5	3	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	271
10. Dunfermline	45,100	14	18	7	..	3	10	11.6	2	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	7	77	49	62.6	0.00	75.0	184
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	8	5	3	7	9	9.9	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	119
12. Ayr	42,800	12	14	11	1	..	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	216
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	15	1	8	3	..	5	6.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	82	49	64.2	0.01	73.0	152
14. Perth	40,800	13	5	9	6	1	4	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	82	49	66.0	0.00	75.7	85
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	15	3	1	2	4	5.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	351
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	5	11	2	1	10	14.0	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	108
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	6	5	1	..	4	6.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	108
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 16, 1955	2,587,900	850	653	553	81	61	533	10.7	35	18	2	29	6	5	1	1	5	5	21	15	106	77	30	305	83†	44†	64.5‡	0.01‡	75.4‡	
July 9, 1955	2,587,900	884	671	589	112	55	532	10.7	22	15	1	23	3	8	1	..	11	11	20	13	115	70	29	323	81†	41†	60.8‡	0.50‡	53.1‡	
July 17, 1954	2,586,800‖	905	623	498	75	57	480	9.7	23	24	1	28	9	5	..	1	10	8	13	11	94	71	27	271	72†	42†	57.0‡	0.37‡	35.1‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 23rd July 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 23rd July 1955, the births of 952 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 845 marriages and 553 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 17.0 and the death-rate 11.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 2.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.8 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Perth and 15.0 in Dunfermline to 7.3 in Ayr and 6.1 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 13.5 and Clydebank 13.2. In Glasgow the rate was 11.1 and in Edinburgh 12.0.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal septicæmia.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 6 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 18, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 19, being 10 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 314, and are 9 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 31, and are 1 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 19th July 1955, was 10,449. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 62.4° being 2.1° below that for the previous week, but 3.3° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.01 inch, and the mean sunshine 61.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 29 — **Week ended SATURDAY, July 23rd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	14
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	1	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	1	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	1	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	6

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	4
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	2	..	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	11
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	2	..	..	..	38	..	..	1	..	..	55	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	..	8	..	20	3	..	..	1	..	17
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	2	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	4
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	7	3	..	7	3	114	1	3	..	..	1	9	1	..	..	63	..	5	6	1	9	..	32	10	1	..	..	..	10
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	10	..	7	3	161	1	4	..	..	1	9	3	..	1	79	4	10	7	1	16	..	63	14	1	..	2	..	27
GRAND TOTAL	12	17	..	7	3	213	1	5	1	..	1	64	10	..	1	94	7	12	7	2	26	..	98	19	1	..	3	..	64

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 29

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 23, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 19, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 19th July 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	462	458	230	30	30	230	11.1	9	7	..	7	1	2	..	..	7	6	2	4	45	35	12	124	81	50	63.6	..	62.9	2,648
2. Edinburgh	468,800	117	81	113	16	11	108	12.0	5	3	1	6	2	2	..	1	1	1	3	3	24	14	7	60	79	53	62.6	0.01	65.5	831
3. Aberdeen	186,200	75	47	48	16	1	33	9.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	4	10	1	17	73	48	58.2	0.12	50.3	322
4. Dundee	177,100	49	65	36	7	4	33	9.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	9	4	2	17	83	53	63.7	0.00	56.9	418
5. Paisley	94,700	31	21	21	1	2	22	12.1	2	2	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	1	14	79	51	63.9	..	61.3	258
6. Greenock	77,300	28	15	24	4	..	20	13.5	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	3	1	14	77	52	62.6	..	63.0	255
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	21	5	..	9	14	10.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	459
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	20	17	10	1	3	12	12.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	131
9. Coatbridge	49,900	34	27	5	..	6	11	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	328
10. Dunfermline	45,100	17	9	9	1	5	13	15.0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	8	78	51	62.3	0.00	62.1	124
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	4	8	3	7	12	13.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	132
12. Ayr	42,800	11	11	12	6	..	6	7.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	204
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	18	10	9	4	..	5	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	75	49	61.2	..	63.5	181
14. Perth	40,800	9	9	15	8	5	12	15.3	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	6	83	48	63.3	..	65.4	93
15. Hamilton	40,700	14	24	6	2	2	6	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	429
16. Falkirk	37,200	5	6	12	3	..	9	12.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	156
17. Airdrie	31,900	18	20	4	1	4	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	165
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 23, 1955.	2,587,900	952	845	567	103	89	553	11.1	25	15	1	19	5	5	1	1	11	9	6	12	109	88	31	314	83†	48†	62.4‡	0.01‡	61.2‡	
July 16, 1955.	2,587,900	850	653	553	81	61	533	10.7	35	18	2	29	6	5	1	1	5	5	21	15	106	77	30	305	83†	44†	64.5‡	0.01‡	75.4‡	
July 24, 1954.	2,586,800‖	970	905	606	88	51	569	11.5	27	11	2	25	2	9	..	1	11	10	16	24	114	82	20	369	73†	41†	57.2‡	0.67‡	35.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 30

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 30th July 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 30th July 1955, the births of 929 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 439 marriages and 459 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.8 and the death-rate 9.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 22 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.5 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 8.2 less than in the previous week, and 1.8 below the average. The death-rate is 1.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.4 in Falkirk and 15.3 in Perth to 5.5 in Clydebank and 2.6 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 13.3 and Airdrie 13.1. In Glasgow the rate was 9.0 and in Edinburgh 9.8.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are the same as in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal septicæmia.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 28, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.2 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 25, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 283, and are 31 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 34, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 26th July 1955, was 9,645. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 61.7° being 0.7° below that for the previous week, but 3.8° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

There was no rainfall, and the mean sunshine was 75.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 30 **Week ended SATURDAY, July 30th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	11
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	1	..	1	6	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	1

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	2	..	..	..	25	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	..	9	..	..	..	..	14
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	7	2	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	26	..	4	..	..	..	59	1	..	..	9	1	1	..	..	5	..	25	3	..	..	..	..	17
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	1	..	5	4	..	..	..	2
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Glasgow B.	14	1	..	1	2	96	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	48	..	11	2	6	9	..	51	3	1	..	1	..	11
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	7	..	1	2	118	..	4	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	73	5	13	3	7	14	..	72	11	1	..	3	..	18
GRAND TOTAL	17	7	..	1	2	155	..	10	1	..	..	64	3	..	..	89	9	15	3	8	28	..	109	15	1	..	3	..	50

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 30

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 30, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED JULY 26, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 26th July 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	443	145	201	32	18	187	9.0	8	7	..	13	3	2	3	1	8	7	7	7	41	13	12	113	83	43	63.8	..	78.7	2,548
2. Edinburgh	468,800	131	56	100	18	6	88	9.8	4	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	20	15	7	57	81	48	60.9	..	76.1	987
3. Aberdeen	186,200	57	41	30	7	..	23	6.4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	2	13	79	40	56.9	..	68.0	359
4. Dundee	177,100	58	57	40	3	3	40	11.8	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	9	5	26	81	47	60.6	..	70.0	341
5. Paisley	94,700	19	33	17	4	3	16	8.8	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	9	82	47	64.5	..	77.6	252
6. Greenock	77,300	32	13	16	5	1	12	8.1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	9	80	50	64.4	..	80.6	382
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	22	13	8	1	5	12	9.0	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	248
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	4	9	3	1	7	7.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	104
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	5	6	..	2	8	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	153
10. Dunfermline	45,100	18	4	9	2	1	8	9.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	82	36	58.9	..	72.4	164
11. Clydebank	47,600	25	5	3	1	3	5	5.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	191
12. Ayr	42,800	17	12	10	2	1	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	118
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	10	26	15	6	2	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	5	81	45	63.4	..	76.7	186
14. Perth	40,800	8	11	12	2	2	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	9	86	40	62.2	..	76.0	114
15. Hamilton	40,700	27	9	1	..	1	2	2.6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	270
16. Falkirk	37,200	9	4	15	5	1	11	15.4	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	158
17. Airdrie	31,900	17	1	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	81
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended July 30, 1955.	2,587,900	929	439	497	91	53	459	9.2	21	13	2	25	6	3	3	1	8	7	16	12	93	62	34	283	86†	36†	61.7‡	.. ‡	75.1‡	
July 23, 1955.	2,587,900	952	845	567	103	89	553	11.1	25	15	1	19	5	5	1	1	11	9	6	12	109	88	31	314	83†	48†	62.4‡	0.01‡	61.2‡	
July 31, 1954.	2,586,800‖	967	511	561	80	47	528	10.6	24	17	..	23	10	4	1	..	11	11	9	15	104	75	16	317	68†	41†	55.1‡	1.03‡	25.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 31

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 6th August 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 6th August 1955, the births of 883 living children, and of 18 stillborn children, 576 marriages and 453 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.6 and the death-rate 9.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 20 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 less than in the previous week, but 0.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.8 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.1 in Hamilton and 12.2 in Ayr to 6.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 3.3 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 11.5 and Aberdeen 11.2. In Glasgow the rate was 8.6 and in Edinburgh 10.1.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 3, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 5 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 4 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 19, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 21, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 283, and are the same as in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 31, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 2nd August 1955, was 9,999. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 62.9° being 1.2° above that for the previous week, and 4.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.02 inch, and the mean sunshine 52.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 31 — **Week ended SATURDAY, August 6th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	18
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	24
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	2	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	3	..	6	1	..	..	2	..	7

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	5
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	11	..	1	4	..	..	25	..	..	1	9	..	1	..	..	5	..	18	6	..	..	..	..	18
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	4
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	5	3	..	3	5	88	..	5	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	40	..	11	3	2	5	..	45	8	..	..	..	..	9
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	7
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	7	7	..	3	5	122	..	7	..	..	1	7	..	..	..	52	3	16	3	4	14	..	85	21	..	..	2	..	26
GRAND TOTAL	9	11	..	3	5	141	..	10	4	..	1	33	2	..	1	65	8	18	3	5	24	..	112	29	..	..	5	..	79

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 31

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 6, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 2, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 2nd August 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	369	181	182	23	19	178	8.6	8	3	1	9	1	2	1	..	1	1	3	5	51	17	15	99	77	48	63.2	..	54.8	2,731
2. Edinburgh	468,800	151	133	101	14	4	91	10.1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	21	17	3	68	80	50	63.2	0.02	54.5	852
3. Aberdeen	186,200	49	55	47	10	3	40	11.2	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	8	4	25	76	47	59.2	0.08	38.1	406
4. Dundee	177,100	75	47	37	2	..	35	10.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	10	3	2	23	84	50	64.4	0.03	56.5	246
5. Paisley	94,700	36	47	11	1	2	12	6.6	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	6	76	50	64.1	..	50.1	211
6. Greenock	77,300	32	14	14	1	4	17	11.5	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	10	74	51	62.5	0.01	58.3	437
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	13	4	..	4	8	6.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	308
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	13	5	8	..	1	9	9 3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	145
9. Coatbridge	49,900	20	5	5	2	3	6	6.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	177
10. Dunfermline	45,100	15	10	14	6	..	8	9.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	6	79	48	63.1	..	54.8	184
11. Clydebank	47,600	10	5	6	5	2	3	3.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	239
12. Ayr	42,800	19	12	8	..	2	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	139
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	16	9	9	2	..	7	8.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	74	47	61.3	0.00	52.6	151
14. Perth	40,800	15	13	9	3	1	7	8.9	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	3	84	45	64.9	0.04	55.8	113
15. Hamilton	40,700	24	9	9	..	2	11	14.1	1	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	283
16. Falkirk	37,200	7	11	9	2	..	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	142
17. Airdrie	31,900	8	7	2	..	2	4	6.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	102
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug. 6, 1955.	2,587,900	883	576	475	71	49	453	9.1	18	13	2	21	4	4	1	..	3	3	8	11	123	56	31	283	84†	45†	62.9‡	0.02‡	52.8‡	
July 30, 1955.	2,587,900	929	439	497	91	53	459	9.2	21	13	2	25	6	3	3	1	8	7	16	12	93	62	34	283	86†	36†	61.7‡	.. ‡	75.1‡	
Aug. 7, 1954.	2,586,800‖	891	571	585	102	65	548	11.0	31	24	4	41	6	12	..	2	13	11	19	15	124	84	27	308	72†	45†	57.5‡	1.33‡	36.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 13th August 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 13th August 1955, the births of 805 living children, and of 28 stillborn children, 479 marriages and 459 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 16.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.7 and the death-rate 9.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 34 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.6 less than in the previous week, and 1.6 below the five years' average. The marriage rate is 1.9 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.6 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 14.7 in Airdrie and 14.1 in Hamilton to 4.4 in Clydebank and 4.2 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Coatbridge 13.6 and in Dunfermline 12.7. In Glasgow the rate was 8.6 and in Edinburgh 10.5.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 more than in the previous week, and the latter 5 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 27, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 16, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 275, and are 8 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 19, and are 12 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 9th August 1955, was 11,719. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 58.2° being 4.7° below that for the previous week, and 0.2° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.25 inch, and the mean sunshine 51.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 32 **Week ended SATURDAY, August 13th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	25
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	2	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	5	2	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	2

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	7	..	1	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	1	..	..	27	..	..	..	6	..	8	..	4	4	..	21	1	..	..	..	..	18
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..
Ayr B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	4	..	10	2	..	..	1	..	4
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	9	10	..	2	4	136	..	3	..	..	..	4	4	..	1	62	..	10	4	3	10	..	41	2	1	..	..	..	17
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	16	..	2	4	166	..	4	..	..	..	6	4	..	1	83	8	17	4	4	18	..	72	7	1	..	2	..	29
GRAND TOTAL	17	18	..	2	4	193	..	5	1	..	..	33	5	..	1	100	9	25	4	8	28	..	101	8	1	..	3	..	75

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 32

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 13, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 9, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 9th August 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	382	201	192	25	12	179	8.6	13	6	1	9	1	1	..	..	7	5	4	7	40	28	7	101	72	41	59.9	0.32	56.1	3,660
2. Edinburgh	468,800	111	100	102	14	6	94	10.5	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	23	20	1	61	66	45	56.5	0.41	41.4	894
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	45	38	39	9	2	32	9.0	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	6	1	21	65	40	53.8	..	43.0	428
4. Dundee .	177,100	44	30	32	5	4	31	9.1	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	8	4	19	67	43	57.6	0.05	51.4	358
5. Paisley .	94,700	41	11	15	5	1	11	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	9	71	45	60.6	0.11	55.7	211
6. Greenock .	77,300	23	8	18	2	2	18	12.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	1	13	70	47	59.8	0.15	52.9	356
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	28	20	7	..	4	11	8.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	299
																					2	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	200
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	14	10	10	..	..	10	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	281
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	6	9	2	6	13	13.6	1	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	..	9	67	41	57.1	0.55	48.0	203
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	11	12	3	2	11	12.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	207
11. Clydebank	47,600	19	6	2	..	2	4	4.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	193
12. Ayr . .	42,800	9	8	13	4	..	9	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	83
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	19	2	9	1	1	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	6	74	42	59.0	0.10	67.1	117
14. Perth .	40,800	6	11	7	4	1	4	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	71	40	59.5	0.52	51.6	433
15. Hamilton ..	40,700	11	5	7	2	6	11	14.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	180
16. Falkirk .	37,200	8	3	5	3	1	3	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	158
17. Airdrie .	31,900	12	9	7	1	3	9	14.7	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug. 13, 1955.	2,587,900	805	479	486	80	53	459	9.2	28	13	1	16	3	1	..	..	12	8	16	11	95	76	19	275	74†	40†	58.2‡	0.25‡	51.9‡	
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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 20th August 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 20th August 1955, the births of 895 living children, and of 16 stillborn children, 426 marriages and 445 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.6 and the death-rate 9.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 18 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.8 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.9 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 13.4 in Kirkcaldy and 11.6 in Paisley to 5.2 in Coatbridge and 2.6 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Airdrie 11.4 and in Dunfermline 10.4.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcæmia.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 fewer than in the previous week, but the latter the same.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 24, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 23, being 7 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 280, and are 5 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 9 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 16th August 1955, was 12,081. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 62.1° being 3.9° above that for the previous week, and 4.5° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.51 inch, and the mean sunshine 35.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 33 **Week ended SATURDAY, August 20th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	4	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	1	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	1	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	5

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2	..	12	2	..	..	1	..	8
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	41	..	1	2	..	..	20	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	3	..	22	5	..	..	1	..	10
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..	..	2	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	2	..	2
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	9	11	..	3	2	115	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	58	..	15	7	1	12	..	32	5	..	..	1	..	12
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	5	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	16	..	3	2	138	..	2	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	82	5	20	7	2	25	..	62	11	..	..	6	..	28
GRAND TOTAL	15	21	..	4	2	192	..	6	2	..	..	21	7	..	..	90	6	23	7	2	33	..	89	17	..	..	7	..	50

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 33

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 20, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 16, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 16th August 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	416	172	186	30	23	179	8.6	4	9	1	12	6	..	..	..	6	6	5	6	37	20	12	105	78	48	61.9	0.63	33.2	3,608
2. Edinburgh	468,800	129	89	98	16	7	89	9.9	4	..	1	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	2	21	9	3	58	74	50	62.4	0.32	39.9	915
3. Aberdeen	186,200	52	39	44	15	2	31	8.7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	5	2	22	73	43	60.3	0.10	43.0	407
4. Dundee	177,100	50	16	38	8	4	34	10.0	1	2	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	1	1	1	5	4	6	20	75	47	61.8	0.24	35.6	517
5. Paisley	94,700	40	10	22	3	2	21	11.6	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	2	1	15	76	49	62.6	0.66	33.7	250
6. Greenock	77,300	25	11	14	3	1	12	8.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	8	73	51	62.4	0.91	30.6	414
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	19	11	8	1	3	10	7.5	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	518
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	14	10	8	..	5	13	13.4	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	193
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	5	2	1	4	5	5.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	259
10. Dunfermline	45,100	23	10	9	2	2	9	10.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	4	75	48	62.6	0.18	33.4	159
11. Clydebank	47,600	12	6	5	1	1	5	5.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	218
12. Ayr	42,800	15	9	11	6	3	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	193
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	3	10	2	..	8	9.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	6	75	48	62.4	1.31	32.2	144
14. Perth	40,800	15	14	7	2	..	5	6.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	77	42	62.1	0.21	35.3	107
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	6	2	..	..	2	2.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	413
16. Falkirk	37,200	7	8	10	3	..	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	187
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	7	6	..	1	7	11.4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	137
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug. 20, 1955.	2,587,900	895	426	480	93	58	445	9.0	16	14	3	23	8	1	2	1	8	8	15	9	97	49	28	280	78†	42†	62.1‡	0.51‡	35.2‡	
Aug. 13, 1955.	2,587,900	805	479	486	80	53	459	9.2	28	13	1	16	3	1	..	..	12	8	16	11	95	76	19	275	74†	40†	58.2‡	0.25‡	51.9‡	
Aug. 21, 1954.	2,586,800‖	889	408	500	91	76	485	9.8	27	12	3	20	5	6	1	2	10	8	11	7	123	60	23	272	67†	35†	53.3‡	0.99‡	17.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

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WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 27th August 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 27th August 1955, the births of 897 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 460 marriages and 511 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.3 and the death-rate 10.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 more than in the previous week, and 0.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 1.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.5 in Greenock and 15.8 in Ayr to 5.8 in Dunfermline and 5.6 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 13.8 and in Kirkcaldy 13.4.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 17, of which 14 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 9 more than in the previous week, and the latter 6 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 21, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being 1 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 10 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 300, and are 20 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 1 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 23rd August 1955, was 13,175. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 65.1° being 3.0° above that for the previous week, and 8.4° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.07 inch, and the mean sunshine 34.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 34 **Week ended SATURDAY, August 27th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	4
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	2
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	2	..	6	1	..	..	1	..	9
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	1	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	3	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	12	3	..	..	..	..	11

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Fife C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	24	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	4	..	9	1	1	..	1	..	12
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	1	..	1	..	26	..	2	1	..	..	17	..	..	..	6	..	5	..	..	7	..	19	1	1	..	2	..	13
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	2	..	2	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	8
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	7	32	..	5	3	117	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	52	..	19	8	2	21	..	37	6	..	..	2	..	13
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	36	..	5	3	152	..	3	4	..	..	8	..	..	..	69	8	28	10	4	40	..	63	13	1	..	4	..	38
GRAND TOTAL	15	38	..	6	3	200	..	7	5	..	..	26	6	..	..	78	12	36	10	4	52	..	101	18	2	..	7	..	73

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 34

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 27, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 23, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 23rd August 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	128	190	231	27	19	223	10.7	11	7	1	10	2	4	1	..	7	5	5	6	58	22	6	118	85	48	65.9	0.08	32.8	3,877
2. Edinburgh	468,800	124	95	89	14	5	80	8.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	21	12	5	54	82	56	65.4	0.15	39.4	1,026
3. Aberdeen	186,200	53	33	49	14	5	40	11.2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	10	7	4	27	73	52	61.7	0.07	36.3	454
4. Dundee	177,100	55	31	32	9	1	24	7.1	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	5	1	15	75	51	61.0	0.08	33.6	540
5. Paisley	94,700	28	13	26	2	1	25	13.8	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	4	1	..	15	84	50	67.3	0.05	27.9	347
6. Greenock	77,300	30	12	23	2	2	26	17.5	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	3	2	13	80	52	66.4	0.03	32.7	404
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	17	12	1	..	11	8.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	411
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	20	12	13	2	2	13	13.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	2	2	9	..	..	..	..	..	172
9. Coatbridge	49,900	22	6	6	1	2	7	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	257
10. Dunfermline	45,100	14	8	3	2	4	5	5.8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	80	52	65.2	0.07	34.1	158
11. Clydebank	47,600	16	8	10	3	3	10	11.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	271
12. Ayr	42,800	9	3	14	2	1	13	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	225
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	18	1	6	2	3	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	84	50	67.8	0.07	39.8	196
14. Perth	40,800	19	15	8	2	3	9	11.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	7	82	46	65.4	0.06	29.6	103
15. Hamilton	40,700	21	7	6	..	3	9	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	419
16. Falkirk	37,200	8	6	6	2	..	4	5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	197
17. Airdrie	31,900	8	3	4	..	1	5	8.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	135
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Aug. 27, 1955.	2,587,900	897	460	541	85	55	511	10.3	19	10	1	22	2	5	1	..	17	14	10	11	120	65	27	300	85†	46†	65.1‡	0.07‡	34.0‡	
Aug. 20, 1955.	2,587,900	895	426	480	93	58	445	9.0	16	14	3	23	8	1	2	1	8	8	15	9	97	49	28	280	78†	42†	62.1‡	0.51‡	35.2‡	
Aug. 28, 1954.	2,586,800‖	883	425	516	99	51	468	9.4	26	11	2	25	4	7	2	..	9	7	18	13	103	66	28	270	73†	43†	56.8‡	0.45‡	18.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Measles and Infectious Meningitis.

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No. 35

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

THE ROYAL SOCIETY for the Promotion OF HEALTH LIBRARY

Week ended Saturday, 3rd September 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 3rd September 1955, the births of 807 living children, and of 31 stillborn children, 544 marriages and 446 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 16.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.0 and the death-rate 9.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 37 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.8 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.7 more than in the previous week, and 2.0 above the average. The death-rate is 1.3 less than in the previous week, and 1.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 12.7 in Dundee and 11.0 in Clydebank to 3.8 in Perth and 3.1 in Coatbridge and Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 10.4 and in Aberdeen, Motherwell & Wishaw and Falkirk 9.8. In Glasgow the rate was 9.7 and in Edinburgh 8.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from typhoid fever.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 4, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 13 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 10 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 16, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.3 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 28, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 20 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 271, and are 29 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 30th August 1955, was 14,142. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 58.9° being 6.2° below that for the previous week, but 2.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.64 inch, and the mean sunshine 20.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 35 — **Week ended SATURDAY, September 3rd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	3	..	..	1	9	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	1
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL																		1	4		2		7	2					9

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	11
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	4	2	..	..	11	..	..	..	4	1	2	1	1	8	..	17	1	..	..	..	14
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	1	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	13	..	8	..	1	2	..	15	3	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	9	53	..	2	2	160	..	4	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	55	..	23	4	4	18	..	54	5	..	..	1	18
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	1	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	57	..	2	2	217	..	9	1	..	..	12	..	..	2	81	3	41	4	7	37	..	100	10	..	..	3	..	38
GRAND TOTAL	9	61	..	2	3	240	..	16	3	..	3	23	..	..	2	89	4	52	5	8	48	..	133	17	..	..	3	..	67

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 35

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 3, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED AUGUST 30, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	7-27 days	Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Tuberculosis: All Forms	Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Pneumonia	Other Respiratory Diseases	Malignant Neoplasms	Coronary Thrombosis	Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Absolute Lowest	Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 30th August 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	346	228	210	27	18	201	9.7	14	9	2	16	5	2	2	..	4	4	4	6	39	28	10	111	68	41	58.3	0.76	11.8	3,944
2. Edinburgh	468,800	120	94	95	25	4	74	8.2	4	4	..	4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	21	12	2	46	71	47	59.4	0.66	29.1	977
3. Aberdeen	186,200	53	48	50	17	2	35	9.8	2	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	8	2	25	71	44	58.2	0.28	31.3	504
4. Dundee	177,100	56	35	41	3	5	43	12.7	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	12	6	3	27	72	45	58.6	0.38	27.6	571
5. Paisley	94,700	40	25	16	5	1	12	6.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	10	67	47	59.3	0.73	13.6	376
6. Greenock	77,300	30	19	15	6	3	13	8.8	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	8	67	48	59.3	1.00	15.8	516
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	20	12	8	..	5	13	9.8	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	550
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	17	10	5	2	..	3	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	190
9. Coatbridge	49,900	20	6	2	1	2	3	3.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	282
10. Dunfermline	45,100	16	10	12	3	..	9	10.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	5	68	43	58.5	0.49	20.2	190
11. Clydebank	47,600	12	9	11	5	4	10	11.0	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	303
12. Ayr	42,800	8	15	7	5	2	4	4.9	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	310
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	12	5	8	3	2	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	68	47	59.1	1.13	9.6	229
14. Perth	40,800	13	11	8	5	..	3	3.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	70	43	59.1	0.29	24.7	116
15. Hamilton	40,700	19	5	6	1	1	6	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	465
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	5	7	2	2	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	183
17. Airdrie	31,900	14	7	3	1	1	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	139
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept. 3, 1955.	2,587,900	807	544	505	111	52	446	9.0	31	20	2	28	8	5	2	1	4	4	6	10	103	62	21	271	72†	41†	58.9‡	0.64‡	20.4‡	
Aug. 27, 1955.	2,587,900	897	460	541	85	55	511	10.3	19	10	1	22	2	5	1	..	17	14	10	11	120	65	27	300	85†	46†	65.1‡	0.07‡	34.0‡	
Sept. 4, 1954.	2,586,800	914	490	547	97	49	499	10.1	16	9	1	18	2	6	1	1	11	10	18	9	114	55	17	297	72†	45†	58.2‡	0.79‡	19.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 36

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 10th September 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 10th September 1955, the births of 856 living children, and of 25 stillborn children, 587 marriages and 471 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 11.8 and the death-rate 9.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.8 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the average. The death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, but 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 11.5 in Hamilton and 11.0 in Ayr to 7.8 in Aberdeen and 7.7 in Dundee. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 10.9 and in Kirkcaldy 10.3. In Glasgow the rate was 9.8 and in Edinburgh 10.0.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases; in the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes. There was, however, 1 death from paratyphoid fever and other salmonella infections (a case of salmonellosis), and 1 from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 16, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.3 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 27, being 1 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days, but there were none aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 265, and are 6 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 24, and are 3 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 6th September 1955, was 14,422. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 59.5° being 0.6° above that for the previous week, and 3.8° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.96 inch, and the mean sunshine 37.6 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 36 **Week ended SATURDAY, September 10th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	1	..	1
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Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	3
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	3	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL		3				11		1				1	4			4	1	2			4		5						4

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	1	2	2	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	9	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	7
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	23	..	1	..	..	..	17	1	..	1	5	..	6	1	2	14	..	27	9	..	..	1	..	13
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	1	..	..	..	19	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	5	..	2	1	1	6	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	7
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	2	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	11	63	..	10	1	182	1	4	..	..	..	15	2	..	..	49	..	48	1	..	18	..	44	6	..	..	3	..	29
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	4	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	14	70	..	10	2	231	1	7	..	..	1	17	3	..	..	66	6	66	2	2	36	..	82	13	1	..	3	..	47
GRAND TOTAL	16	74	..	10	2	266	1	10	..	..	1	35	8	..	1	77	10	78	3	4	56	..	125	26	1	..	6	..	71

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 36

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 10, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 6, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 6th Sept. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	399	245	218	31	16	203	9.8	13	13	..	14	2	..	..	..	5	4	7	5	51	21	8	109	79	44	59.4	0.98	29.7	4,304
2. Edinburgh	468,800	108	118	102	14	2	90	10.0	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	18	15	4	64	71	47	59.2	0.31	45.7	1,036
3. Aberdeen	186,200	51	48	37	10	1	28	7.8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	1	1	9	75	45	58.6	1.38	40.8	472
4. Dundee	177,100	66	36	31	7	2	26	7.7	3	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	2	4	17	74	49	59.9	0.60	51.0	613
5. Paisley	94,700	43	18	20	3	1	18	9.9	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	14	75	48	60.2	0.92	33.1	364
6. Greenock	77,300	30	14	13	4	1	13	8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	4	2	3	75	48	59.7	1.54	29.2	478
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	18	14	11	2	3	12	9.0	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	474
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	12	10	17	7	..	10	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	219
9. Coatbridge	49,900	14	8	5	1	5	9	9.4	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	319
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	12	8	2	1	7	8.1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	74	46	59.5	0.58	39.8	221
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	6	4	2	7	9	9.9	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	299
12. Ayr	42,800	15	14	7	..	2	9	11.0	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	395
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	10	5	12	4	1	9	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	5	77	42	58.9	1.56	30.5	214
14. Perth	40,800	14	15	11	6	2	7	8.9	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	76	45	60.2	0.79	38.5	126
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	12	6	..	3	9	11.5	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	432
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	9	12	6	..	6	8.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	182
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	3	1	..	5	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	166
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept. 10, 1955.	2,587,900	856	587	518	99	52	471	9.5	25	22	..	27	4	3	1	..	11	8	9	7	108	64	24	265	79†	42†	59.5‡	0.96‡	37.6‡	
Sept. 3, 1955.	2,587,900	807	544	505	111	52	446	9.0	31	20	2	28	8	5	2	1	4	4	6	10	103	62	21	271	72†	41†	58.9‡	0.64‡	20.4‡	
Sept. 11, 1954.	2,586,800‖	833	586	523	105	61	479	9.7	25	7	..	11	1	1	1	..	11	9	7	7	109	65	27	275	65†	37†	54.5‡	0.91‡	25.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 37

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 17th September 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 17th September 1955, the births of 847 living children, and of 17 stillborn children, 534 marriages and 471 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.1 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 10.8 and the death-rate 9.5. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 20 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.8 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.0 less than in the previous week, but 0.8 above the average. The death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 12.5 in Coatbridge and 11.6 in Dunfermline to 2.7 in Greenock and 2.2 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Perth, 11.5 and in Paisley, 11.0 In Glasgow the rate was 10.9 and in Edinburgh 8.9.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis. There was also 1 death from acute poliomyelitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 8 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, but the latter the same as in the previous week.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 20, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 7 more than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 261, and are 4 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 30, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 13th September 1955, was 14,879. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 52.8° being 6.7° below that for the previous week, and 0.8° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.59 inch, and the mean sunshine 37.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 37 — **Week ended SATURDAY, September 17th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
Northern Region.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	13	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	5	13	..	..	..	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	7	..	2	..	1	6	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	6

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	1	4	..	10	2	..	..	..	..	1
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	33	..	5	1	..	..	6	..	..	1	4	1	5	..	1	10	..	22	3	1	..	..	..	12
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	5	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	10	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	3
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	13	51	..	12	4	169	..	2	..	..	..	15	1	..	..	66	..	39	3	4	18	..	36	7	..	..	2	..	18
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	60	..	12	4	212	..	6	..	..	..	18	4	..	1	85	3	56	4	8	35	..	74	15	..	..	2	..	29
GRAND TOTAL	21	73	..	12	4	267	..	12	1	..	..	24	7	..	2	98	5	64	4	10	54	..	111	19	1	..	2	..	54

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 17, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature °F Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature °F Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature °F Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 13th Sept. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	382	235	229	31	28	226	10.9	8	9	1	19	1	4	1	1	8	8	3	5	37	37	13	107	62	41	52.5	1.13	40.3	4,539
2. Edinburgh	468,800	118	103	91	17	6	80	8.9	2	4	..	4	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	4	18	12	3	48	64	42	53.5	0.24	41.0	1,116
3. Aberdeen	186,200	63	52	38	6	2	34	9.5	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	1	18	64	40	51.1	0.43	36.4	461
4. Dundee	177,100	52	19	28	3	3	28	8.2	1	3	..	3	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5	3	16	65	40	53.1	0.08	36.1	621
5. Paisley	94,700	26	10	25	5	..	20	11.6	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	5	12	66	44	54.7	1.08	42.5	339
6. Greenock	77,300	23	11	5	1	..	4	2.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	3	62	45	53.4	0.88	38.4	382
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	18	14	7	..	4	11	8.3	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	487
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	21	14	10	4	1	7	7.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	213
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	8	7	..	5	12	12.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	302
10. Dunfermline	45,100	19	10	9	2	3	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	7	64	40	52.6	0.29	34.7	227
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	8	8	4	..	2	2.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	272
12. Ayr	42,800	15	13	7	3	1	5	6.1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	341
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	12	9	7	2	1	6	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	63	37	51.5	0.99	34.7	201
14. Perth	40,800	13	8	11	4	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	6	64	39	52.6	0.22	36.2	154
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	8	5	1	2	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	503
16. Falkirk	37,200	14	7	7	2	1	6	8.4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	184
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	5	3	..	2	5	8.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	141
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept. 17, 1955.	2,587,900	847	534	495	85	61	471	9.5	17	18	2	34	3	7	1	1	9	8	6	14	88	74	30	261	66†	37†	52.8‡	0.59‡	37.8‡	
Sept. 10, 1955.	2,587,900	856	587	518	99	52	471	9.5	25	22	..	27	4	3	1	..	11	8	9	7	108	64	24	265	79†	42†	59.5‡	0.96‡	37.6‡	
Sept. 18, 1954.	2,586,800	804	457	549	96	44	497	10.0	25	13	..	17	3	4	..	1	11	9	14	23	92	77	20	310	62†	33†	51.3‡	1.19‡	36.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 38

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 24th September 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 24th September 1955, the births of 835 living children, and of 22 stillborn children, 681 marriages and 490 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 16.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 13.7 and the death-rate 9.9. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.9 more than in the previous week, and 2.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, but 0.6 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 21.7 in Perth and 15.5 in Kirkcaldy to 6.1 in Kilmarnock and 4.6 in Dunfermline. There were no deaths in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Paisley 15.4 and Greenock 14.2. In Glasgow the rate was 9.4 and in Edinburgh 11.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from measles and 1 from influenza. There were 4 deaths from acute poliomyelitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 10, of which 9 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 18, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being 12 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 9 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 295, and are 34 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are 8 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 20th September 1955, was 14,899. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 57.0° being 4.2° above that for the previous week, and 4.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.46 inch, and the mean sunshine 29.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 38 — **Week ended SATURDAY, September 24th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	1	..	1	..	4	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	1
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	3	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	3	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	8	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	1

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	2
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	22	..	..	..	..	..	6
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	4	..	..	7	..	..	2	6	..	1	2	1	15	..	33	4	..	..	..	..	8
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	5	..	5	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Glasgow B.	9	29	..	1	2	110	..	3	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	38	..	27	5	1	26	..	35	6	1	..	..	..	13
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	2	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	5	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	33	..	1	2	155	..	8	1	..	..	8	1	..	1	70	3	39	5	1	53	..	66	13	1	..	..	..	32
GRAND TOTAL	14	38	..	1	2	192	..	8	5	..	1	16	7	..	3	84	4	44	8	3	82	..	116	21	1	..	..	..	45

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 38

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 24, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 20th Sept. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	370	285	216	33	12	195	9.4	10	8	1	13	3	1	1	1	3	2	5	2	43	35	7	100	69	47	57.1	0.42	27.7	4,440
2. Edinburgh	468,800	126	151	110	13	6	103	11.5	4	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	5	..	28	12	6	70	69	48	58.0	0.09	33.4	926
3. Aberdeen	186,200	57	49	42	14	1	29	8.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	7	5	..	21	64	44	54.3	0.07	32.8	530
4. Dundee	177,100	51	39	27	5	3	25	7.4	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	7	1	3	15	68	45	55.3	0.22	25.1	672
4. Dundee	177,100	51	39	27	5	3	25	7.4	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	2	5	7	1	18	68	49	58.0	0.74	30.4	305
5. Paisley	94,700	26	26	29	3	2	28	15.4	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	4	..	12	67	48	58.2	1.18	32.8	480
6. Greenock	77,300	28	9	25	5	1	21	14.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	4	..	12	67	48	58.2	1.18	32.8	480
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	27	20	11	2	2	11	8.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	555
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	7	15	3	3	15	15.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	227
9. Coatbridge	49,900	27	15	11	1	1	11	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	338
10. Dunfermline	45,100	20	6	7	3	..	4	4.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	68	47	57.4	0.34	24.5	243
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	7	7	2	3	8	8.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	313
12. Ayr	42,800	11	19	7	2	1	6	7.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	258
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	6	6	1	..	5	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	67	47	58.3	0.89	34.3	236
14. Perth	40,800	10	15	15	3	5	17	21.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	5	1	1	10	68	45	56.3	0.17	20.3	138
15. Hamilton	40,700	15	12	2	..	3	5	6.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	475
16. Falkirk	37,200	8	7	12	5	..	7	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	219
17. Airdrie	31,900	7	8	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	182
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Sept. 24, 1955.	2,587,900	825	681	543	96	43	490	9.9	22	9	3	22	3	2	2	2	10	9	12	6	114	70	22	295	69†	44†	57.0‡	0.46‡	29.0‡	
Sept. 17, 1955.	2,587,900	847	534	495	85	61	471	9.5	17	18	2	34	3	7	1	1	9	8	6	14	88	74	30	261	66†	37†	52.8‡	0.59‡	37.8‡	
Sept. 25, 1954.	2,586,800‖	861	596	593	104	53	542	10.9	24	13	2	25	2	4	1	3	6	5	15	18	105	86	30	329	64†	34†	50.4‡	1.30‡	26.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 39.

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 1st October 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 1st October 1955, the births of 867 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 697 marriages and 512 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.5 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 14.0 and the death-rate 10.3. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 0.5 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, and 2.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, but 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 14.1 in Hamilton to 7.7 in Perth and 7.3 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 13.4 and Airdrie 13.1. In Glasgow the rate was 9.2 and in Edinburgh 11.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are the same as in the previous week. The deaths registered were from meningococcal infections.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 32, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.6 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 11 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 301, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 22, and are the same as in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 27th September 1955, was 16,090. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 54.6° being 2.4° below that for the previous week, but 2.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.37 inch, and the mean sunshine 26.2 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 39 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 1st, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
Northern Region.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..
North-Eastern Region.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	.	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	1	9	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	4
Eastern Region.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	3	..	..	..	21	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	3	..	..	..	22	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	7	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	2

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	10	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	4	1	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	1	1	..	..	5	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	1	5	..	9	1	..	..	..	6
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	17	..	1	4	..	..	5	..	..	2	5	..	5	..	1	21	..	20	4	..	..	..	6
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	9	..	3	2	1	5	..	8	2	1	..	..	3
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	6
Glasgow B.	7	57	..	8	4	156	..	2	..	..	..	19	1	..	..	78	..	30	2	3	21	..	29	3	..	..	2	..	18
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	1	..	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	3	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	8	60	..	8	4	193	..	6	..	..	..	20	1	..	2	103	..	39	4	5	47	..	59	8	1	..	2	..	38
GRAND TOTAL	11	63	..	8	4	238	..	11	4	..	..	25	5	..	4	111	2	48	4	7	87	..	102	12	1	..	3	..	50

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 39

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 1, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED SEPTEMBER 27, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 27th Sept. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	388	326	205	29	15	191	9.2	7	2	..	7	1	3	..	1	3	3	4	9	45	26	9	102	61	45	53.3	0.66	19.3	4,160
2. Edinburgh	468,800	113	113	113	21	8	100	11.1	1	2	..	2	..	1	..	1	2	2	2	..	20	18	4	66	68	45	54.8	0.06	30.2	1,415
3. Aberdeen	186,200	54	54	47	10	1	38	10.6	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	11	3	..	27	74	40	54.4	0.02	36.9	428
4. Dundee	177,100	60	37	33	4	5	34	10.0	4	1	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	3	12	2	..	18	70	43	54.9	0.01	29.4	711
5. Paisley	94,700	32	14	19	1	1	19	10.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	3	..	13	65	47	55.4	0.67	21.8	425
6. Greenock	77,300	30	17	19	1	1	19	12.8	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	6	1	..	9	64	47	54.6	0.87	20.0	564
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	35	14	15	3	8	20	15.0	1	2	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	510
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	11	14	11	1	2	12	12.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	225
9. Coatbridge	49,900	31	20	7	1	6	12	12.5	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	301
10. Dunfermline	45,100	18	11	10	1	..	9	10.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	6	62	44	53.9	0.23	23.8	306
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	12	10	5	3	8	8.8	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	291
12. Ayr	42,800	17	7	12	2	1	11	13.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	339
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	13	8	1	1	6	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	4	64	45	55.0	0.79	22.7	276
14. Perth	40,800	14	15	8	4	2	6	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	68	41	54.9	0.03	31.5	156
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	14	12	5	4	11	14.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	474
16. Falkirk	37,200	8	6	9	2	1	8	11.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	240
17. Airdrie	31,900	9	10	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	145
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct. 1, 1955	2,587,900	867	697	541	91	62	512	10.3	20	11	1	22	3	7	2	2	8	8	15	17	117	69	22	301	74†	40†	54.6‡	0.37‡	26.2‡	
Sept. 24, 1955	2,587,900	825	681	543	96	43	490	9.9	22	9	3	22	3	2	2	2	10	9	12	6	114	70	22	295	69†	44†	57.0‡	0.46‡	29.0‡	
Oct. 2, 1954	2,586,800	853	582	605	90	53	568	11.4	19	11	3	21	2	8	3	1	11	10	15	16	115	78	34	340	62†	25†	46.5‡	0.93‡	26.9‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 8th October 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 8th October 1955, the births of 928 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 488 marriages and 488 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.8 and the death-rate 9.8. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 25 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 4.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, and 1.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 12.8 in Perth and 12.1 in Paisley to 3.4 in Greenock and 3.1 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Motherwell & Wishaw 12.0 and Glasgow 10.7. In Edinburgh the rate was 10.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The death registered was from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, but the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 20, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, and 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 18, being 4 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 9 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 298, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 5 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 4th October 1955, was 17,470. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.8° being 5.8° below that for the previous week, and 2.5° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1921-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.80 inch, and the mean sunshine 16.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 40 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 8th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	8	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	6
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	4
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
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WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ayr C.	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	11
Glasgow B.	9	68	..	9	2	147	..	4	..	..	..	20	..	..	3	63	..	20	1	1	30	..	24	2	..	..	1	..	14
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	13	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	41	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	83	..	9	2	201	..	5	..	..	..	21	..	..	5	91	5	34	1	2	63	..	61	7	..	..	1	..	39
GRAND TOTAL	15	85	..	9	2	227	..	7	..	..	..	28	4	..	9	98	7	40	1	5	100	..	104	12	..	..	1	..	53

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 8, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 4, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 4th October 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	444	228	251	46	17	222	10.7	10	5	2	10	2	3	..	1	7	7	3	7	42	34	13	131	60	35	48.0	0.69	6.7	5,451
2. Edinburgh	468,800	134	71	108	21	7	94	10.5	1	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	22	18	4	57	64	37	50.4	0.37	19.1	1,323
3. Aberdeen	186,200	62	32	44	10	3	37	10.4	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	6	2	23	62	38	48.1	1.60	28.7	613
4. Dundee	177,100	57	44	30	6	4	28	8.2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	7	3	..	20	61	36	47.3	0.24	18.7	580
5. Paisley	94,700	36	13	28	8	2	22	12.1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	4	2	14	62	38	49.4	0.67	12.1	430
6. Greenock	77,300	32	20	10	5	..	5	2.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	2	62	41	49.7	1.70	14.7	487
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	12	11	..	5	16	12.0	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	628
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	11	8	3	1	1	3	3.1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	175
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	11	6	1	3	8	8.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	395
10. Dunfermline	45,100	9	7	9	2	..	7	8.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	3	62	35	48.2	0.57	9.6	252
11. Clydebank	47,600	13	5	8	4	4	8	8.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	346
12. Ayr	42,800	21	5	10	4	..	6	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	273
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	11	6	9	2	1	8	9.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	62	36	50.1	1.05	13.9	250
14. Perth	40,800	14	12	7	..	3	10	12.8	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	2	4	64	32	47.8	0.35	21.2	152
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	5	1	..	3	4	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	568
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	6	7	4	1	4	5.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	250
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	3	2	..	4	6	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	208
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended																														
Oct. 8, 1955	2,587,900	928	488	544	114	58	488	9.8	24	9	2	18	2	4	..	1	8	7	7	13	103	82	27	298	64†	32†	48.8‡	0.80‡	16.1‡	
Oct. 1, 1955	2,587,900	867	697	541	91	62	512	10.3	20	11	1	22	3	7	2	2	8	8	15	17	117	69	22	301	74†	40†	54.6‡	0.37‡	26.2‡	
Oct. 9, 1954	2,586,800	963	419	634	104	63	593	12.0	20	18	..	34	3	7	..	1	10	9	27	22	112	77	27	354	63†	†31	51.4‡	1.17‡	22.5‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 15th October 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 15th October 1955, the births of 975 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 326 marriages and 546 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 19.6 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.6 and the death-rate 11.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 more than in the previous week, and 2.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 3.2 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average. The death-rate is 1.2 more than in the previous week, and 0.6 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.0 in Paisley and 15.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw to 6.5 in Airdrie and 3.6 in Kilmarnock. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Ayr 14.6 and Edinburgh 11.9. In Glasgow the rate was 10.6.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 6, of which 5 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 2 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 2 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 27, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 29, being 11 more than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 324, and are 26 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 34, and are 7 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 11th October 1955, was 17,179. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 54.9° being 6.1° above that for the previous week, and 5.9° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.30 inch, and the mean sunshine 17.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 41 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 15th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
Northern Region.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	4
North-Eastern Region.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	8
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	5	..	..	..	7	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	8
Eastern Region.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	3	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	..	1	..	1	9	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	2	3	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	3	1	3	..	1	11	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	7	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	1	..	..	1	7	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	7
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	18	..	7	1	..	2	9	1	..	2	5	..	3	..	1	23	..	33	4	..	..	..	..	10
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	1	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	3	3	..	10	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	2
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	13	49	..	5	3	140	..	9	..	..	1	11	1	..	3	84	..	27	6	..	20	..	31	5	..	..	..	..	7
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Greenock B.	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	15	57	..	5	3	182	..	15	..	..	1	12	1	..	3	129	8	41	9	3	61	..	63	8	..	..	..	..	21
GRAND TOTAL	17	63	..	5	3	218	..	26	1	..	2	22	6	..	5	139	14	48	9	5	104	..	109	17	..	..	..	..	47

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 15, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 11, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 11th October 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	438	117	239	33	15	221	10.6	7	8	1	18	1	6	1	..	5	4	9	7	45	39	9	115	64	42	54.5	0.35	12.3	4,970
2. Edinburgh	468,800	144	73	118	16	5	107	11.9	4	2	..	5	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	23	15	6	71	68	35	56.3	0.03	25.4	1,448
3. Aberdeen	186,200	75	19	55	17	3	41	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	4	1	32	68	34	53.8	0.37	18.8	528
4. Dundee	177,100	66	27	42	9	2	35	10.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	7	5	6	20	65	42	54.6	0.06	21.4	739
5. Paisley	94,700	33	17	30	7	6	29	16.0	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	3	1	17	65	34	55.1	0.32	13.5	414
6. Greenock	77,300	32	10	13	1	2	14	9.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	2	10	64	46	55.2	0.94	14.8	507
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	37	6	13	2	9	20	15.0	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	6	2	2	11	..	..	..	..	..	576
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	6	10	1	1	10	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	311
9. Coatbridge	49,900	25	8	5	..	4	9	9.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	375
10. Dunfermline	45,100	8	8	12	4	..	8	9.3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	4	66	43	54.4	0.23	16.1	324
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	2	7	3	4	8	8.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	311
12. Ayr	42,800	17	7	13	3	2	12	14.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	287
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	12	5	7	4	..	3	3.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	67	45	56.9	0.26	14.4	236
14. Perth	40,800	13	9	10	5	4	9	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	6	68	36	53.7	0.14	19.7	135
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	7	6	1	3	8	10.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	542
16. Falkirk	37,200	12	3	12	5	1	8	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	229
17. Airdrie	31,900	12	2	3	1	2	4	6.5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	181
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct. 15, 1955.	2,587,900	975	326	595	112	63	546	11.0	21	14	2	29	3	6	2	..	6	5	13	14	110	81	34	324	68†	34†	54.9‡	0.30‡	17.4‡	
Oct. 8, 1955.	2,587,900	928	488	544	114	58	488	9.8	24	9	2	18	2	4	..	1	8	7	7	13	103	82	27	298	64†	32†	48.8‡	0.80‡	16.1‡	
Oct. 16, 1954.	2,586,800	855	311	546	104	62	504	10.2	22	13	3	23	7	5	..	..	13	10	20	15	104	65	27	317	61†	29†	49.8‡	1.91‡	16.4‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 22nd October 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 22nd October 1955, the births of 935 living children, and of 13 stillborn children, 348 marriages and 500 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.8 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.0 and the death-rate 10.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 14 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.8 less than in the previous week, but 1.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.9 less than in the previous week, and 1.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Perth and 13.7 in Aberdeen to 5.5 in Clydebank and 4.9 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 13.3 and Paisley 12.7. In Glasgow the rate was 9.8 and in Edinburgh 9.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 1 and are 1 more than in the previous week. The death registered was from meningococcal meningitis. There was also 1 death from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 6, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system The former are the same as in the previous week, but the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 36, and equalled an annual death-rate from the causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 24, being 5 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 14 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 301, and are 23 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 19, and are 15 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 18th October 1955, was 17,737. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.3° being 12.6° below that for the previous week, and 5.4° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.96 inch, and the mean sunshine 33.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 42 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 22nd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
Northern Region.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	5
North-Eastern Region.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	5	..	1	..	..	5	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	7
Eastern Region.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	4	..	..	..	16	..	2	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	1	4	..	..	..	16	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	11	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	3

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	8	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	1	..	..	..	13
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
TOTAL	2	..	..	..	..	14	..	3	..	..	..	14	1	..	1	16	..	3	..	1	20	..	25	4	..	1	..	..	..	19
WESTERN REGION.—																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	4	1	..	11	..	13	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	4	36	..	5	4	156	..	4	..	..	..	16	1	..	3	85	..	31	3	..	31	..	41	7	..	..	..	..	..	11
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	7	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL	4	49	..	5	4	205	..	8	..	..	..	16	1	..	3	112	3	42	4	3	77	..	83	14	..	..	..	..	..	23
GRAND TOTAL	7	53	..	5	4	252	..	16	..	..	1	30	9	..	6	133	3	48	4	5	120	..	120	23	..	1	..	..	..	57

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 42

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 22, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 18, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 18th October 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	427	143	202	21	23	204	9.8	5	5	1	9	2	1	..	1	4	4	2	10	49	30	11	118	56	26	42.1	0.92	38.6	5,286
2. Edinburgh	468,800	117	65	95	16	6	85	9.5	3	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	19	17	2	57	54	30	42.6	0.22	36.4	1,394
3. Aberdeen	186,200	72	31	61	13	1	49	13.7	..	2	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	8	9	..	29	50	32	41.3	1.64	25.7	640
4. Dundee	177,100	57	23	37	2	4	39	11.5	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	2	8	9	..	26	53	29	42.5	1.12	30.5	725
5. Paisley	94,700	37	12	24	6	5	23	12.7	2	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	1	..	8	55	30	44.0	0.99	31.9	408
6. Greenock	77,300	36	9	20	5	1	16	10.8	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	..	9	52	34	43.3	1.55	29.9	566
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	26	10	10	3	6	13	9.8	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	584
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	4	4	..	2	6	6.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	274
9. Coatbridge	49,900	21	6	7	1	1	7	7.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	359
10. Dunfermline	45,100	14	5	9	4	2	7	8.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	6	55	29	42.3	0.54	40.4	275
11. Clydebank	47,600	28	3	10	5	..	5	5.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	340
12. Ayr	42,800	14	7	15	5	..	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	..	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	273
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	12	4	9	1	3	11	13.3	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	..	7	54	27	40.3	0.50	34.4	266
14. Perth	40,800	12	10	14	5	3	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	..	8	55	25	42.4	1.17	32.9	153
15. Hamilton	40,700	21	4	4	1	3	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	520
16. Falkirk	37,200	12	6	8	4	..	4	5.6	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	261
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	6	1	..	2	3	4.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	195
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct. 22, 1955.	2,587,900	935	348	530	92	62	500	10.1	13	14	2	24	7	4	1	1	6	6	13	23	104	84	19	301	56†	25†	42.3‡	0.96‡	33.4‡	
Oct. 15, 1955.	2,587,900	975	326	595	112	63	546	11.0	21	14	2	29	3	6	2	..	6	5	13	14	110	81	34	324	68†	34†	54.9‡	0.30‡	17.4‡	
Oct. 23, 1954.	2,586,800 ‖	832	282	597	87	57	567	11.4	20	17	3	29	7	5	2	..	10	10	24	24	114	76	23	338	62†	37†	50.1‡	2.39‡	9.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 29th October 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 29th October 1955, the births of 858 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 338 marriages and 533 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.3 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.8 and the death-rate 10.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.5 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average. The death-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week but 0.1 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.8 in Ayr and 14.1 in Hamilton to 6.6 in Paisley and 5.1 in Perth. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 13.5 and Edinburgh 12.7. In Glasgow the rate was 10.5.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 1 death was registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 12 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 8 more than in the previous week, and the latter 6 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 36, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.7 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 13, being 11 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 8 were aged 0-6 days and 1 was aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 325, and are 24 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 25, and are 6 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 25th October 1955, was 17,584. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.8° being 0.5° above that for the previous week, but 3.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.62 inch, and the mean sunshine 22.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 43 — **Week ended SATURDAY, October 29th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	17
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	7	..	..	..	8	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	5	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	7	..	..	..	9	..	7	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	7	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	5

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dunfermline B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	4	..	..	..	24	..	..	2	3	..	2	..	..	3	..	18	3	..	..	..	..	16
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	5	1	..	..	30	1	..	3	16	1	3	..	..	19	..	26	4	..	..	..	..	22
WESTERN REGION.																														
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lanark C.	..	8	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	7	..	3	1	..	4	..	19	1	..	..	..	..	7
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	11	88	..	3	6	123	..	4	..	..	..	14	2	..	3	92	..	14	4	1	38	..	45	2	..	..	1	..	9
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	5	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	11	103	..	3	6	144	..	7	..	..	..	15	3	..	5	119	3	20	5	2	69	..	85	6	..	..	1	..	45
GRAND TOTAL	12	110	..	3	6	175	..	21	1	..	..	49	10	..	8	139	5	27	6	3	98	..	123	15	..	..	1	..	90

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 43

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 29, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED OCTOBER 25, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 25th October, 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	371	122	228	25	16	219	10.5	11	3	1	7	..	1	..	..	6	5	6	13	44	32	12	130	54	28	41.8	0.58	20.0	5,085
2. Edinburgh	468,800	132	57	125	15	4	114	12.7	5	4	..	4	3	2	..	..	2	2	4	3	18	25	5	75	56	32	44.1	0.78	27.9	1,498
3. Aberdeen	186,200	66	33	47	15	3	35	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	11	4	21	55	32	42.9	1.47	21.3	592
4. Dundee	177,100	62	17	45	6	2	41	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	7	4	3	24	54	30	41.6	0.45	25.3	699
5. Paisley	94,700	29	15	18	6	..	12	6.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	7	57	30	44.4	0.48	19.5	460
6. Greenock	77,300	29	15	21	2	1	20	13.5	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	2	..	13	55	35	44.5	0.52	17.8	542
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	26	11	10	2	1	9	6.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	550
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	13	8	8	1	3	10	10.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	273
9. Coatbridge	49,900	28	3	5	1	4	8	8.4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	319
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	9	8	2	..	6	6.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	54	28	42.1	0.41	20.6	313
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	9	9	4	2	7	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	317
12. Ayr	42,800	8	12	14	4	3	13	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	4	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	265
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	11	6	12	4	1	9	10.9	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	7	55	27	41.6	0.50	18.3	270
14. Perth	40,800	13	6	4	..	..	4	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	3	58	26	42.6	0.43	27.9	143
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	8	10	1	2	11	14.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	1	2	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	580
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	6	10	3	1	8	11.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	254
17. Airdrie	31,900	7	1	8	1	..	7	11.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	190
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Oct. 29, 1955.	2,587,900	858	338	582	92	43	533	10.7	23	8	1	13	3	4	..	..	14	12	14	22	101	94	25	325	58†	26†	42.8‡	0.62‡	22.1‡	
Oct. 22, 1955.	2,587,900	935	348	530	92	62	500	10.1	13	14	2	24	7	4	1	1	6	6	13	23	104	84	19	301	56†	25†	42.3‡	0.96‡	33.4‡	
Oct. 30, 1954.	2,586,800‖	840	330	536	103	58	491	9.9	20	15	2	22	3	4	1	1	6	4	16	22	106	78	16	286	60†	28†	46.2‡	2.05‡	24.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 5th November 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 5th November 1955, the births of 855 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 365 marriages and 598 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.4 and the death-rate 12.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 27 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.1 less than in the previous week, but 0.9 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.6 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average. The death-rate is 1.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.7 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.6 in Kirkcaldy and 18.3 in Ayr to 7.3 in Kilmarnock and 6.8 in Motherwell & Wishaw. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Greenock 18.2 and Aberdeen 14.6. In Glasgow the rate was 11.3 and in Edinburgh 12.0.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 11, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 1 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 59, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.2 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.5 more than in the previous week, and 0.3 above the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 34, being 21 more than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 6 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 375, and are 50 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 36, and are 11 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 1st November 1955, was 18,692. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.1° being 1.3° above that for the previous week, but 1.0° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.49 inch, and the mean sunshine 21.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 44 **Week ended SATURDAY, November 5th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	4
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	4	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	8
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	11	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	13	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	11	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	2	..	3	..	..	19	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	2

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	8	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	1	4	..	2	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	3
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	4
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	9	..	3	1	..	..	9	1	..	1	15	..	4	..	18	..	26	2	..	..	1	..	8
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	4	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	1	4	..	10	3	..	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	7	54	..	1	6	95	..	2	..	..	..	27	1	..	2	95	..	9	2	..	25	..	52	7	1	..	..	..	13
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	8	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	8	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	68	..	1	6	124	..	3	..	..	..	29	1	..	3	122	6	14	3	1	57	..	99	13	1	..	..	..	48
GRAND TOTAL	10	82	..	1	6	146	..	10	1	..	1	39	6	..	5	141	6	21	3	2	100	..	145	22	1	..	1	..	70

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 5, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 1, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 1st November 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	357	145	252	36	19	235	11.3	13	6	4	17	2	3	1	..	7	7	11	17	41	27	9	143	57	30	43.7	0.40	18.3	5,658
2. Edinburgh	468,800	130	73	119	18	7	108	12.0	3	3	1	4	1	2	..	..	..	..	3	3	19	20	10	74	57	33	44.5	0.10	26.3	1,462
3. Aberdeen	186,200	68	37	60	8	..	52	14.6	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	13	11	4	35	56	29	43.4	0.95	29.9	653
4. Dundee	177,100	73	26	45	6	7	46	13.5	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	9	4	4	30	55	28	42.7	0.47	21.7	758
5. Paisley	94,700	27	7	21	5	4	20	11.0	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	3	1	3	9	58	34	46.2	0.57	18.6	477
6. Greenock	77,300	28	12	28	2	1	27	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	4	3	4	..	19	56	35	45.7	0.96	16.5	615
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	25	12	7	2	4	9	6.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	616
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	8	17	3	6	20	20.6	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	4	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	288
9. Coatbridge	49,900	26	5	6	1	5	10	10.4	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	361
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	5	12	2	..	10	11.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	10	59	31	44.9	0.16	21.0	289
11. Clydebank	47,600	13	4	7	3	7	11	12.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	2	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	365
12. Ayr	42,800	14	6	14	1	2	15	18.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	305
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	14	9	9	4	1	6	7.3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	4	57	31	43.2	0.45	24.0	277
14. Perth	40,800	15	8	10	5	2	7	8.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	4	58	28	43.0	0.37	20.8	173
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	..	7	1	2	8	10.2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	609
16. Falkirk	37,200	7	4	9	3	2	8	11.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	262
17. Airdrie	31,900	13	4	4	1	3	6	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	208
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov. 5, 1955.	2,587,900	855	365	627	101	72	598	12.0	24	13	6	34	4	7	1	..	11	11	24	35	108	88	36	375	59†	28†	44.1‡	0.49‡	21.9‡	
Oct. 29, 1955.	2,587,900	858	338	582	92	43	533	10.7	23	8	1	13	3	4	..	..	14	12	14	22	101	94	25	325	58†	26†	42.8‡	0.62‡	22.1‡	
Nov. 6, 1954.	2,586,800‖	794	306	567	107	58	518	10.4	23	20	..	27	3	4	..	3	10	9	21	21	98	67	21	319	55†	30†	43.9‡	0.25‡	14.6‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 45

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 12th November 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 12th November 1955, the births of 802 living children, and of 24 stillborn children, 283 marriages and 583 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 16.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.7 and the death-rate 11.7. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 29 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 less than in the previous week, but 0.6 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.7 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.3 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 19.2 in Perth and 16.2 in Greenock to 6.9 in Dunfermline and 4.2 in Coatbridge. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kilmarnock 13.3 and Falkirk 12.6. In Glasgow the rate was 12.0 and in Edinburgh 12.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 4 and are 4 more than in the previous week. They include 3 from meningococcal infections and 1 from influenza. There were also 3 deaths from acute poliomyelitis.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 5 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 46, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 24, being 10 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 11 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 361, and are 14 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 27, and are 9 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 8th November 1955, was 20,152. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 48.5° being 4.4° above that for the previous week, and 6.0° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.35 inches and the mean sunshine 11.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 45 **Week ended SATURDAY, November 12th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	13	3	1	..	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	9
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	2	19	..	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	12	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	4
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	19	..	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	9	1	3	..	..	18	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	7

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	..	..	6	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	19	..	1	..	..	..	34	..	..	..	11	..	1	..	..	7	..	7	2	..	..	1	..	9
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	1	..	..	..	24	..	4	..	..	..	36	..	..	1	21	3	3	..	..	26	..	27	3	..	..	1	..	12
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	8	..	8	3	..	..	..	..	2
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	12
Glasgow B.	10	78	..	2	9	142	..	9	..	..	..	19	1	..	..	146	..	11	7	..	48	..	36	6	..	..	4	..	23
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	1	..	2	4	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	10	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	23
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	10	80	..	2	9	173	..	13	1	..	2	24	1	..	1	189	10	13	7	2	111	..	78	15	1	..	5	..	65
GRAND TOTAL	13	100	..	2	9	207	..	20	1	..	2	63	5	..	3	233	17	21	7	2	157	..	121	18	1	..	6	..	94

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 45

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 12, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 8, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 8th November 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	345	101	260	26	16	250	12.0	10	7	1	15	..	2	1	4	4	4	10	13	50	32	12	144	55	36	46.9	1.54	10.3	5,814
2. Edinburgh	468,800	134	53	119	15	6	110	12.2	4	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	2	16	21	4	69	57	42	49.5	0.52	12.1	1,764
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	47	26	50	13	1	38	10.6	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	8	2	25	52	41	47.9	1.44	14.6	627
4. Dundee .	177,100	54	24	39	3	5	41	12.1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	3	3	4	3	31	55	40	48.4	1.34	12.1	787
5. Paisley .	94,700	37	8	21	3	2	20	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	3	5	..	16	58	38	49.4	1.58	11.7	444
6. Greenock .	77,300	29	10	24	2	2	24	16.2	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	6	2	1	16	57	41	49.4	1.81	7.2	616
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	22	3	7	2	7	12	9.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	642
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	6	11	1	..	10	10.3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	314
9. Coatbridge	49,900	14	10	3	..	1	4	4.2	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	423
10. Dunfermline	45,100	12	4	8	4	2	6	6.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	4	57	36	49.0	0.94	10.9	315
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	4	7	3	4	8	8.8	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	428
12. Ayr . .	42,800	17	7	15	7	2	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	351
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	11	4	15	6	2	11	13.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	1	6	56	34	47.7	1.44	13.5	302
14. Perth .	40,800	11	6	17	5	3	15	19.2	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	1	9	56	35	48.0	1.54	9.0	185
15. Hamilton .	40,700	12	9	4	1	6	9	11.5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	617
16. Falkirk .	37,200	7	5	12	4	1	9	12.6	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	293
17. Airdrie .	31,900	11	3	2	..	4	6	9.8	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	254
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	802	283	614	95	64	583	11.7	24	11	2	24	..	7	1	4	8	6	21	25	104	88	27	361	58†	34†	48.5‡	1.35‡	11.3‡	
Nov. 5, 1955.	2,587,900	855	365	627	101	72	598	12.0	24	13	6	34	4	7	1	..	11	11	24	35	108	88	36	375	59†	28†	44.1‡	0.49‡	21.9‡	
Nov. 13, 1954.	2,586,800‖	799	284	605	86	51	570	11.5	29	14	1	24	5	4	3	2	12	10	22	21	113	85	31	363	58†	23†	41.5‡	1.64‡	12.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 46

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 19th November 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 19th November 1955, the births of 852 living children, and of 23 stillborn children, 258 marriages and 546 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.2 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 5.2 and the death-rate 11.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 26 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 more than in the previous week, and 1.4 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.5 less than in the previous week, but 0.1 above the average. The death-rate is 0.7 less than in the previous week, and 0.8 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 16.2 in Dunfermline and 13.2 in Edinburgh to 6.4 in Hamilton and 6.2 in Kirkcaldy. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Clydebank 12.1 and Coatbridge and Perth 11.5. In Glasgow the rate was 11.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza. There was also 1 death from paratyphoid fever.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 9, of which 7 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 45, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.9 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and the same as the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 38, being 14 more than in the previous week. Of these, 20 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 335, and are 26 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 20, and are 7 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 15th November 1955, was 19,884. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 40.3° being 8.2° below that for the previous week, and 1.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.01 inch, and the mean sunshine 10.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 46 **Week ended SATURDAY, November 19th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	Chickenpox *	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	Measles *	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable *	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	1	..	..	11	..	6	2	..	..	..	..	17
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	18	..	..	1	10	..	2	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	18	..	..	1	10	..	2	..	..	1	1	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	10	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	4

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	8	1	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	1	..	..	..	..	18	..	5	..	..	..	22	..	..	1	10	..	1	..	13	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	10
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	2	1	..	..	..	34	..	6	..	..	..	25	1	..	1	21	2	1	..	27	..	14	4	..	..	..	..	20
WESTERN REGION.—																												
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	2	..	..	..	13	..	3	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	22	..	2	1	11	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	7
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	5	91	..	1	5	80	..	6	..	..	..	19	..	..	..	139	..	10	4	1	44	..	36	4	..	..	..	11
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Renfrew C.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	9	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	6	114	..	1	5	106	1	10	..	..	1	25	2	..	..	191	12	18	5	2	110	..	65	10	..	..	..	34
GRAND TOTAL	8	133	..	1	6	151	1	19	..	..	2	51	8	..	1	219	15	20	5	3	158	..	94	16	..	..	..	75

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 46

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 19, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 15, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 15th Nov. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	390	104	247	28	16	235	11.3	11	12	2	22	6	4	1	1	5	4	6	14	50	33	10	129	48	28	38.9	0.01	8.1	5,706
2. Edinburgh	468,800	128	48	131	15	3	119	13.2	2	2	..	4	..	1	1	1	1	..	5	4	25	14	6	81	49	32	41.8	0.02	11.4	1,600
3. Aberdeen	186,200	61	19	39	9	3	33	9.2	2	..	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	10	2	23	51	30	41.0	0.03	25.4	666
4. Dundee	177,100	48	17	30	..	5	35	10.3	2	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	2	1	20	52	29	39.5	0.01	12.3	753
5. Paisley	94,700	31	7	22	5	1	18	9.9	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6	1	..	10	49	32	40.6	..	1.1	464
6. Greenock	77,300	28	10	13	3	..	10	6.7	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	52	34	42.0	..	5.7	630
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	31	4	11	3	5	13	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	1	2	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	681
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	18	5	5	..	1	6	6.2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	316
9. Coatbridge	49,900	14	3	9	1	3	11	11.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	385
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	3	12	2	4	14	16.2	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	1	..	8	49	25	39.9	0.00	10.7	361
11. Clydebank	47,600	22	3	9	3	5	11	12.1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	422
12. Ayr	42,800	11	8	12	8	2	6	7.3	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	315
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	11	10	4	1	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	6	48	32	40.9	0.00	9.4	298
14. Perth	40,800	11	9	9	2	2	9	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	5	52	24	37.8	0.01	13.6	202
15. Hamilton	40,700	10	2	2	..	3	5	6.4	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	639
16. Falkirk	37,200	11	2	11	3	..	8	11.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	292
17. Airdrie	31,900	12	3	3	..	3	6	9.8	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	217
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	852	258	575	86	57	546	11.0	23	20	3	38	8	9	3	3	9	7	17	28	111	70	20	335	52†	24†	40.3‡	0.01‡	10.9‡	
Nov. 12, 1955.	2,587,900	802	283	614	95	64	583	11.7	24	11	2	24	..	7	1	4	8	6	21	25	104	88	27	361	58†	34†	48.5‡	1.35‡	11.3‡	
Nov. 20, 1954.	2,586,800‖	830	228	654	108	60	606	12.2	26	18	1	27	4	11	..	..	13	12	18	33	114	74	25	368	55†	23†	41.1‡	0.22‡	17.8‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices. ‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953. § Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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No. 47

WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 26th November 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 26th November 1955, the births of 887 living children, and of 29 stillborn children, 334 marriages and 557 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.7 and the death-rate 11.2. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 32 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.7 more than in the previous week, and 2.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.5 more than in the previous week, and 1.2 above the average. The death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 1.0 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 15.3 in Perth and 13.7 in Aberdeen to 5.0 in Paisley and 4.2 in Coatbridge and Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 12.7 and in Edinburgh 12.3. In Glasgow the rate was 12.1.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are 1 fewer than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, of which 11 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 3 more than in the previous week, and the latter 4 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 38, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 0.8 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 less than in the previous week, and 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 26, being 12 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 13 were aged 0-6 days and 4 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 332, and are 3 fewer than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 20, and are the same as in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 22nd November 1955, was 19,143. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 44.4° being 4.1° above that for the previous week, and 4.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.06 inch, and the mean sunshine 10.8 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 47 — **Week ended SATURDAY, November 26th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	.	3	2	3	..	..	4	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	4
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	18	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	13	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	7
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	18	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	9	..	3	..	..	19	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	7

Berwick C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	6	2	..	..	3	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	4	..	..	..	27	..	..	3	5	..	1	1	..	5	..	17	3	..	..	..	..	14
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	1	..	..	..	24	..	9	3	..	..	27	1	..	3	15	2	1	1	..	21	..	39	8	..	..	..	..	20
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	2	11	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	10	..	1	1	..	9	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	13
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Glasgow B.	12	152	..	5	3	98	..	7	..	..	..	24	..	..	2	202	..	1	4	1	50	..	34	4	..	..	..	..	28
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	1	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6
Port-Glasgow B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	14	189	..	6	3	113	..	13	2	..	..	28	2	..	3	241	5	3	5	5	112	..	68	8	..	..	..	..	58
GRAND TOTAL	15	208	..	6	3	150	..	26	5	..	..	57	9	..	6	268	9	10	6	5	156	..	121	17	..	..	..	..	96

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 47

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 26, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 22, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 22nd Nov. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	369	136	271	31	11	251	12.1	14	6	2	15	3	2	..	1	9	8	12	17	39	35	9	133	55	29	44.1	0.03	12.4	5,522
2. Edinburgh	468,800	139	61	133	27	5	111	12.3	8	4	1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	..	2	28	14	5	68	52	31	44.8	0.13	8.4	1,616
3. Aberdeen	186,200	52	27	66	18	1	49	13.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	10	5	2	36	50	34	43.9	0.10	7.3	672
4. Dundee	177,100	57	16	41	7	2	36	10.6	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	2	21	53	32	43.4	0.02	9.9	741
5. Paisley	94,700	37	7	15	8	2	9	5.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	..	5	55	31	46.2	0.05	11.5	424
6. Greenock	77,300	38	14	19	3	..	16	10.8	1	1	1	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	1	9	55	32	46.4	0.05	9.6	624
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	28	9	10	1	5	14	10.5	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	610
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	17	5	11	2	2	11	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	3	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	317
9. Coatbridge	49,900	30	5	3	..	1	4	4.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	418
10. Dunfermline	45,100	11	12	11	1	1	11	12.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	9	54	29	43.9	0.06	8.5	329
11. Clydebank	47,600	23	6	6	2	3	7	7.7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	393
12. Ayr	42,800	19	11	11	4	..	7	8.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	306
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	13	11	11	6	..	5	6.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	54	29	43.7	0.09	15.7	264
14. Perth	40,800	14	6	14	5	3	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	9	56	28	43.6	0.00	13.7	188
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	2	3	2	3	4	5.1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	588
16. Falkirk	37,200	9	5	5	3	1	3	4.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	298
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	1	5	..	2	7	11.4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	243
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Nov. 26, 1955.	2,587,900	887	334	635	120	42	557	11.2	29	13	4	26	5	8	2	2	12	11	13	25	108	69	20	332	56†	28†	44.4‡	0.06‡	10.8‡	
Nov. 19, 1955.	2,587,900	852	258	575	86	57	546	11.0	23	20	3	38	8	9	3	3	9	7	17	28	111	70	20	335	52†	24†	40.3‡	0.01‡	10.9‡	
Nov. 27, 1954.	2,586,800‖	767	312	657	92	59	624	12.6	21	11	2	32	3	6	1	8	7	6	23	24	126	76	32	390	51†	32†	41.9‡	2.91‡	6.7‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 3rd December 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 3rd December 1955, the births of 843 living children, and of 20 stillborn children, 402 marriages and 593 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.0 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 8.1 and the death-rate 11.9. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.9 less than in the previous week, but 0.7 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.4 more than in the previous week, and 1.0 above the average. The death-rate is 0.7 more than in the previous week, but 0.7 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.5 in Hamilton and 18.3 in Ayr to 7.3 in Coatbridge and Kilmarnock and 7.0 in Falkirk. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Clydebank 15.4 and in Dunfermline 15.0. In Glasgow the rate was 12.5 and in Edinburgh 12.3.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 2 and are the same as in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza. There was also 1 death from bacillary dysentery.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 12, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are the same as in the previous week, but the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 51, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.0 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 32, being 6 more than in the previous week. Of these, 22 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 351, and are 19 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 20, and are the same as in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 29th November 1955, was 18,951. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 45.2° being 0.8° above that for the previous week, and 4.1° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.55 inch, and the mean sunshine 5.3 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 48 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 3rd, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Aberdeen B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	4	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	6	..	2	1	1	8	..	7	..	..	..	7	..	7
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	41	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	16	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	3
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	41	..	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	2	5	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	19	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	3

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	1	..	..	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	18	..	2	..	..	..	32	..	..	1	4	..	1	..	..	7	..	15	5	..	..	..	..	11
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total	..	1	..	..	..	31	..	7	..	..	..	33	1	..	1	19	1	4	..	1	29	..	34	5	..	..	..	..	12
Western Region.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	..	..	1	..	4	..	9	1	1	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	7	124	..	4	4	71	..	5	..	1	..	25	..	..	3	195	..	5	3	2	30	..	25	3	..	..	..	..	38
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	33	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	9
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	8	165	..	4	5	102	..	12	..	1	1	28	..	..	4	254	11	10	5	3	83	..	59	9	1	..	..	..	68
Grand Total	10	207	..	4	5	149	..	25	..	1	1	64	6	..	5	284	12	16	6	6	140	..	112	16	1	..	7	..	92

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 3, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 29, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 29th Nov. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow .	1,084,700	360	169	266	24	17	259	12.5	11	11	1	17	2	2	..	1	9	9	10	22	45	26	11	143	49	40	44.7	0.84	1.8	5,353
2. Edinburgh	468,800	137	69	131	24	4	111	12.3	5	4	..	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	25	14	3	69	51	40	45.9	0.23	6.1	1,589
3. Aberdeen .	186,200	69	28	45	10	2	37	10.4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	10	8	2	25	52	36	43.6	0.27	11.5	737
4. Dundee .	177,100	64	29	43	7	5	41	12.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	10	8	1	27	51	38	43.9	0.31	9.5	670
5. Paisley .	94,700	25	23	27	10	1	18	9.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	5	..	14	50	43	46.3	0.47	2.5	408
6. Greenock .	77,300	27	14	18	3	..	15	10.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	6	51	41	46.9	1.17	1.4	603
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	24	8	6	..	6	12	9.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	580
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	8	5	6	2	4	8	8.3	..	1	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	293
9. Coatbridge	49,900	18	7	7	2	2	7	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	359
10. Dunfermline	45,100	13	7	13	2	2	13	15.0	..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	8	50	40	44.6	0.63	6.4	288
11. Clydebank	47,600	19	13	13	4	5	14	15.4	2	1	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	382
12. Ayr . .	42,800	14	6	19	6	2	15	18.3	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	335
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	16	7	10	4	..	6	7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	3	51	42	45.7	0.65	1.7	286
14. Perth .	40,800	23	4	10	3	1	8	10.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	..	5	51	38	45.3	0.41	7.1	185
15. Hamilton .	40,700	13	6	8	..	8	16	20.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	605
16. Falkirk .	37,200	9	3	9	4	..	5	7.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	301
17. Airdrie .	31,900	4	4	5	..	3	8	13.1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	207
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec. 3, 1955.	2,587,900	843	402	636	105	62	593	11.9	20	22	3	32	9	3	2	2	12	12	15	36	109	74	20	351	52†	36†	45.2‡	0.55‡	5.3‡	
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Dec. 4, 1954.	2,586,800‖	821	402	668	107	45	606	12.2	29	18	1	24	4	1	1	2	15	14	22	38	87	90	24	380	57†	33†	45.7‡	1.40‡	8.2‡	

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NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 10th December 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 10th December 1955, the births of 830 living children, and of 16 stillborn children, 343 marriages and 597 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 16.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 6.9 and the death-rate 12.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 19 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 0.7 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 1.2 less than in the previous week, but 0.4 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 1.6 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 17.5 in Clydebank and 16.9 in Kilmarnock to 6.5 in Airdrie and 6.1 in Ayr. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Falkirk 15.4 and Edinburgh and Paisley 14.3. In Glasgow the rate was 11.7.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week 2 deaths were registered from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 8, of which 5 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 4 fewer than in the previous week, and the latter 7 fewer.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 61, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.2 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.2 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 40, being 8 more than in the previous week. Of these, 18 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 361, and are 10 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 28, and are 8 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 6th December 1955, was 18,238. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 42.3° being 2.9° below that for the previous week, but 1.7° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.77 inches, and the mean sunshine 6.0 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 49 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 10th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
NORTHERN REGION.—																													
Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
NORTH-EASTERN REGION.—																													
Aberdeen C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6
Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	1	..	..	1	7	..	10	..	..	..	3	..	6
EASTERN REGION.—																													
Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	4	51	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	9	..	9	1	..	..	..	..	18
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	4	51	..	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	1	..	..	14	..	11	1	..	..	..	..	18

Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	1	..	..	3	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunfermline B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Edinburgh B	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	2	..	..	..	35	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	5	..	..	..	33	..	5	1	..	..	36	1	..	1	11	1	1	..	..	24	..	29	1	..	..	..	..	8
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	1	13	..	..	4	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	27	..	2	..	..	8	..	7	1	..	..	1	..	6
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	10	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Glasgow B.	10	125	..	4	12	80	..	5	..	..	..	28	3	..	5	262	..	4	5	3	53	..	34	4	1	..	..	..	20
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	10	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Greenock B.	..	18	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	7
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	7	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	12	161	..	4	16	107	..	8	1	..	..	29	4	..	8	331	18	8	6	4	102	..	68	8	1	..	1	..	60
GRAND TOTAL	16	217	..	4	16	152	..	19	2	..	..	65	6	..	10	353	20	10	6	5	154	..	119	11	1	..	4	..	98

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 49

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 10, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 6, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 6th Dec. 1955**
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	377	147	266	40	17	243	11.7	8	10	1	22	2	2	1	..	4	3	12	13	51	35	7	135	55	30	42.0	1.47	2.8	5,153
2. Edinburgh	468,800	119	56	147	22	4	129	14.3	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	..	1	..	5	6	28	17	10	84	55	30	42.6	1.55	9.5	1,570
3. Aberdeen	186,200	62	28	47	9	1	39	10.9	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	13	6	1	24	56	29	39.9	1.34	8.5	646
4. Dundee	177,100	52	21	36	4	4	36	10.6	1	3	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	4	..	25	55	30	41.8	2.21	8.8	701
5. Paisley	94,700	32	9	37	12	1	26	14.3	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	2	..	6	1	..	18	55	32	43.4	1.67	3.9	424
6. Greenock	77,300	26	14	17	1	1	17	11.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	2	3	10	55	32	43.3	2.49	2.2	491
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	29	9	10	1	3	12	9.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	493
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	13	8	9	..	3	12	12.4	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	1	9	..	..	..	..	..	277
9. Coatbridge	49,900	19	7	6	1	4	9	9.4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	358
10. Dunfermline	45,100	19	2	10	1	2	11	12.7	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	1	1	7	53	29	41.9	1.49	6.3	331
11. Clydebank	47,600	10	4	9	1	8	16	17.5	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	4	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	398
12. Ayr	42,800	13	7	8	3	..	5	6.1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	284
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	10	5	11	1	4	14	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	2	2	10	54	31	43.5	2.38	3.3	241
14. Perth	40,800	9	9	11	4	..	7	8.9	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	5	55	30	42.6	1.32	8.4	165
15. Hamilton	40,700	16	8	3	..	3	6	7.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	518
16. Falkirk	37,200	13	7	12	2	1	11	15.4	..	2	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	276
17. Airdrie	31,900	11	2	1	..	3	4	6.5	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	180
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec. 10, 1955.	2,587,900	830	343	640	102	59	597	12.0	16	18	3	40	4	8	3	..	8	5	36	25	130	78	28	361	56†	29†	42.3‡	1.77‡	6.0‡	
Dec. 3, 1955.	2,587,900	843	402	636	105	62	593	11.9	20	22	3	32	9	3	2	2	12	12	15	36	109	74	20	351	52†	36†	45.2‡	0.55‡	5.3‡	
Dec. 11, 1954.	2,586,800	798	279	638	110	61	589	11.9	24	12	..	23	2	3	..	2	20	18	19	35	101	81	28	357	48†	23†	36.4‡	1.32‡	9.2‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 17th December 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 17th December 1955, the births of 880 living children, and of 21 stillborn children, 358 marriages and 647 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.7 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 7.2 and the death-rate 13.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 23 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.0 more than in the previous week, and 1.1 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 0.3 more than in the previous week, and 0.8 above the average. The death-rate is 1.0 more than in the previous week, but 1.2 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.7 in Ayr and 20.6 in Kilmarnock to 8.3 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 6.5 in Airdrie. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Dunfermline 17.4 and Coatbridge 16.7. In Glasgow the rate was 12.7 and in Edinburgh 14.8.

There were no deaths from the principal epidemic diseases. In the previous week there were also no deaths from these causes.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 7, of which 6 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 fewer than in the previous week, but the latter 1 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 58, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.2 per thousand. This death-rate is the same as in the previous week, and 0.5 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 40, being the same as in the previous week. Of these, 20 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 405, and are 44 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 21, and are 7 fewer than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 13th December 1955, was 16,542. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 37.1° being 5.2° below that for the previous week, and 2.3° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.38 inches and the mean sunshine 8.9 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 50 **Week ended SATURDAY, December 17th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	..	7	..	..	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	11	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	7	..	..	..	6	..	3	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	5	1	1	..	..	11	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	12

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	..	1	2	..	4	1	..	..	..	..	2
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	1	..	..	..	44	..	..	2	5	..	1	..	..	9	..	5	1	..	..	1	..	13
Peebles C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
TOTAL	..	2	..	..	..	23	..	1	2	..	..	45	..	..	2	14	1	1	..	1	33	..	18	3	..	..	3	..	21
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	3
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	3	..	..	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	20	..	..	1	..	5	..	11	4	..	..	..	..	16
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	1	..	3	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	2	130	..	2	2	50	..	5	..	..	..	27	..	..	1	163	..	3	4	1	35	..	41	2	..	..	..	..	33
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	8	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Greenock B.	..	26	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	4	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	..	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	163	..	3	5	112	..	8	1	..	..	28	2	..	3	233	13	3	6	1	74	..	76	7	..	..	1	..	60
GRAND TOTAL	3	172	..	3	5	142	..	16	3	..	..	74	4	..	5	259	19	5	6	2	125	..	111	13	..	..	5	..	99

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 17, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 13, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic§ Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 13th Dec. 1955
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	386	161	292	43	16	265	12.7	19	10	2	25	3	5	2	..	5	4	15	16	39	40	7	162	46	24	35.2	1.21	12.3	4,579
2. Edinburgh	468,800	150	61	160	32	5	133	14.8	2	1	..	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	6	20	28	6	88	48	28	37.6	0.67	9.0	1,443
3. Aberdeen	186,200	58	28	46	8	1	39	10.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	8	2	28	47	18	36.9	3.19	11.6	651
4. Dundee	177,100	46	26	33	3	2	32	9.4	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	6	..	18	47	22	37.0	1.70	8.1	656
5. Paisley	94,700	24	11	25	5	1	21	11.6	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	5	..	12	48	26	37.2	1.05	2.3	367
6. Greenock	77,300	30	9	22	2	3	23	15.5	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2	3	14	49	29	38.2	1.32	5.9	475
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	28	7	11	1	1	11	8.2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	10	..	..	..	..	..	537
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	15	3	11	2	4	13	13.4	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	251
9. Coatbridge	49,900	22	2	11	..	5	16	16.7	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	298
10. Dunfermline	45,100	10	9	15	2	2	15	17.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	3	..	11	46	25	37.6	0.98	10.8	275
11. Clydebank	47,600	20	4	11	5	5	11	12.1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	315
12. Ayr	42,800	18	6	18	3	2	17	20.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	297
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	12	7	17	2	2	17	20.6	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	11	48	27	38.4	0.58	14.2	233
14. Perth	40,800	15	10	12	5	3	10	12.8	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	9	47	16	35.9	1.68	5.7	158
15. Hamilton	40,700	15	4	7	1	7	13	16.6	..	2	..	2	..	1	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	445
16. Falkirk	37,200	19	5	14	7	..	7	9.8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	243
17. Airdrie	31,900	12	5	4	1	1	4	6.5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	165
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec. 17, 1955.	2,587,900	880	358	709	122	60	647	13.0	21	20	3	40	3	10	3	..	7	6	27	31	98	105	21	405	49†	16†	37.1‡	1.38‡	8.9‡	
Dec. 10, 1955.	2,587,900	830	343	640	102	59	597	12.0	16	18	3	40	4	8	3	..	8	5	36	25	130	78	28	361	56†	29†	42.3‡	1.77‡	6.0‡	
Dec. 18, 1954.	2,586,800	870	330	740	100	50	690	13.9	29	20	3	34	8	4	2	3	17	14	31	42	126	86	27	425	54†	24†	41.0‡	0.95‡	6.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 24th December 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 24th December 1955, the births of 865 living children, and of 19 stillborn children, 485 marriages and 696 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 17.4 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 9.8 and the death-rate 14.0. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 21 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 0.3 less than in the previous week, but 2.2 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 2.6 more than in the previous week, and 1.1 above the average. The death-rate is 1.0 more than in the previous week, and 0.1 above the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 20.6 in Kilmarnock and 18.2 in Falkirk to 6.0 in Motherwell & Wishaw and 5.5 in Clydebank. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Kirkcaldy 17.5 and Dunfermline 17.4. In Glasgow the rate was 15.2 and in Edinburgh 13.2.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 3 and are 3 more than in the previous week. They include 1 from meningococcal septicæmia and 2 from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 14, of which 13 were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 7 more than in the previous week, and the latter 7 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 68, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.4 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.2 more than in the previous week, but 0.3 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 22, being 18 fewer than in the previous week. Of these, 7 were aged 0-6 days and 3 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 432, and are 27 more than in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 32, and are 11 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 20th December 1955, was 15,961. The number of such claims made at the Seventeen Principal Towns is shown on the last page of this return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 33.1° being 4.0° below that for the previous week, and 6.1° below the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 0.97 inch, and the mean sunshine 13.1 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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No. 51 **Week ended SATURDAY, December 24th, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	3	51	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Perth B	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	3	51	..	..	..	7	..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	2	..	..	7	..	14	1	..	..	..	..	1

Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	1	5	..	..	1	..	5	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	2	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	39	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	4	..	9	1	..	..	1	..	4
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	3	..	..	..	16	..	4	2	..	..	40	1	..	2	15	2	..	1	2	22	..	20	5	..	..	2	..	6
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Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	..	..	..	..	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	5
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	10	..	..	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	..	..	1	..	6	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	12
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Glasgow B.	3	96	..	1	4	61	..	4	..	..	1	20	2	..	5	152	..	1	3	..	32	..	41	2	1	..	..	..	28
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	2
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	1	..	..	..	4	..	4	1	..	..	1	..	..
Greenock B.	..	13	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	3
Paisley B.	..	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	5	122	..	1	4	74	..	9	..	..	1	21	2	..	5	227	17	3	4	..	69	..	73	4	1	..	1	..	57
GRAND TOTAL	8	176	..	1	4	97	..	16	2	..	1	61	5	..	7	253	21	5	5	2	107	..	122	12	1	..	3	..	79

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

No. 51

RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 24, 1955
RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 20, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	7-27 days	Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Congenital Malformations	Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Tuberculosis: All Forms	Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Pneumonia	Other Respiratory Diseases	Malignant Neoplasms	Coronary Thrombosis	Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Absolute Lowest	Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 20th Dec. 1955 **
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	379	207	329	26	14	317	15.2	7	5	1	14	1	4	..	2	6	6	12	23	52	60	18	193	47	21	32.0	1.04	8.7	4,485
2. Edinburgh	468,800	135	80	138	23	4	119	13.2	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	10	17	25	3	82	48	24	34.6	0.86	14.1	1,289
3. Aberdeen	186,200	63	41	55	13	4	46	12.9	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	10	10	2	33	45	19	32.4	0.44	22.3	632
4. Dundee	177,100	56	31	44	8	3	39	11.5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	1	3	8	6	3	24	45	21	32.9	0.72	19.9	582
5. Paisley	94,700	36	21	28	3	..	25	13.8	2	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	1	14	50	22	34.1	1.19	9.5	370
6. Greenock	77,300	31	17	24	1	1	24	16.2	1	1	..	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	..	2	1	2	2	10	50	26	33.2	1.47	4.5	474
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	25	13	10	2	..	8	6.0	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	512
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	20	12	16	2	3	17	17.5	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	12	..	..	..	..	..	242
9. Coatbridge	49,900	22	5	6	..	6	12	12.5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	289
10. Dunfermline	45,100	10	12	15	2	2	15	17.4	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	13	47	22	33.6	0.83	13.8	250
11. Clydebank	47,600	12	7	9	5	1	5	5.5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	304
12. Ayr	42,800	10	10	11	3	2	10	12.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	287
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	14	11	18	4	3	17	20.6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	5	..	9	50	21	33.0	1.06	11.7	239
14. Perth	40,800	11	2	12	2	2	12	15.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	..	8	47	16	31.8	1.10	13.0	179
15. Hamilton	40,700	21	8	10	..	..	10	12.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	3	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	522
16. Falkirk	37,200	5	6	14	2	1	13	18.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	215
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	2	6	..	1	7	11.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	158
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec. 24, 1955.	2,587,900	865	485	745	96	47	696	14.0	19	7	3	22	1	8	..	3	14	13	23	45	115	120	32	432	59†	16†	33.1‡	0.97‡	13.1‡	
Dec. 17, 1955.	2,587,900	880	358	709	122	60	647	13.0	21	20	3	40	3	10	3	..	7	6	27	31	98	105	21	405	49†	16†	37.1‡	1.38‡	8.9‡	
Dec. 25, 1954.	2,586,800‖	730	465	641	79	37	599	12.1	18	11	6	25	2	10	..	4	20	20	27	31	91	84	24	370	53†	26†	41.7‡	0.99‡	5.0‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland.

† Weekly extremes.

‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward area served by these offices.

‖ Estimated population at 31st December 1953.

§ Typhoid Fever, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Meningococcal Infections, Measles and Influenza.

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WEEKLY RETURN OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL
SCOTLAND

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES
INFECTIOUS DISEASES
NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT
WEATHER REPORT

Week ended Saturday, 31st December 1955

In the Seventeen Principal Towns of Scotland, being those burghs which at the date of the 1951 Census had populations of over 30,000, there were registered during the week ended 31st December 1955, the births of 939 living children, and of 27 stillborn children, 831 marriages and 699 deaths. In the case of births, stillbirths and deaths the numbers are corrected to allow for usual residence. The equivalent annual birth-rate (living children only) is 18.9 per thousand of the population, the marriage-rate 16.7 and the death-rate 14.1. The number of stillbirths corresponds to a rate of 28 per thousand total births registered (including stillborn).

The birth-rate of the week is 1.5 more than in the previous week, and 2.3 above the five years' average. The marriage-rate is 6.9 more than in the previous week, and 1.6 above the average. The death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.4 below the average.

The weekly death-rates in the individual towns ranged from 21.8 in Kilmarnock and 20.9 in Coatbridge to 9.8 in Airdrie and 7.7 in Hamilton. Relatively high death-rates occurred in Falkirk 19.6 and Greenock 18.9. In Glasgow the rate was 14.5 and in Edinburgh 11.5.

Deaths from the principal epidemic diseases numbered 6 and are 3 more than in the previous week. The deaths registered were from influenza.

Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis numbered 15, all of which were from tuberculosis of the respiratory system. The former are 1 more than in the previous week, and the latter 2 more.

Deaths from respiratory diseases (other than tubercular, influenzal and malignant) numbered 73, and equalled an annual death-rate from these causes of 1.5 per thousand. This death-rate is 0.1 more than in the previous week, but 0.1 below the average.

Deaths of children aged less than one year numbered 45, being 23 more than in the previous week. Of these, 15 were aged 0-6 days and 2 were aged 7-27 days. Deaths of persons aged sixty-five years and over numbered 432, and are the same as in the previous week.

Deaths attributed to violent causes numbered 40, and are 8 more than in the previous week.

The number of new claims to sickness benefit under the National Insurance Acts made at Local Offices of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in Scotland during the week ended 27th December 1955, are not available. These will be included in next week's return.

The mean temperature for the towns from which returns were received was 43.1° being 10.0° above that for the previous week, and 4.2° above the average for the corresponding week in the period 1901-1930.

The mean rainfall was 1.52 inches, and the mean sunshine 8.4 hours.

NOTE.—The averages used for comparison are, except where otherwise stated, the mean of the comparable rates in the Principal Towns in the corresponding week of the five preceding years.

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TURN OVER

WEEKLY RETURN OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR SCOTLAND

No. 52 — **Week ended SATURDAY, December 31st, 1955.**

COUNTIES AND LARGE BURGHS	Cerebro-Spinal Fever	* Chickenpox	Cholera	Continued Fever	Diphtheria	Dysentery	Encephalitis Lethargica	Erysipelas	Jaundice, Acute Infective	Leprosy	Malaria	* Measles	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Plague	Pneumonia, Acute Influenzal	Pneumonia, Acute Primary	* Pneumonia, not otherwise notifiable	Poliomyelitis Acute	Puerperal Fever	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis—Respiratory	Tuberculosis—Non-Respiratory	Typhoid Fever	Para-typhoid A	Para-typhoid B	Typhus Fever	Whooping-Cough
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)
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Caithness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inverness B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nairn C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ross and Cromarty C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	..
Sutherland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	8	1	..	..	..	..	..
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Aberdeen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	.	1	..	1	..	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	1
Banff C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kincardine C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Moray C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orkney C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zetland C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	3	1	..	1	2	..	5	3	..	..	..	..	1
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Angus C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arbroath B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dundee B.	1	25	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	1	2	7	..	..	8	..	..	..	2	7	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	6
Perth and Kinross C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Perth B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	1	25	..	..	..	4	..	6	..	..	1	2	7	..	..	8	1	..	..	2	8	..	10	2					6

East Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fife C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	6	..	4	3	..	..	..	..	5
Dunfermline B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcaldy B.	..	7	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Midlothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Edinburgh B.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	1	..	..	..	56	..	..	..	17	..	..	..	..	2	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	4
Peebles C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Roxburgh C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Selkirk C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
West Lothian C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	12	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	..	7	..	..	..	18	..	3	1	..	..	57	..	..	..	35	1	3	..	..	26	..	17	3	..	..	2	..	10
WESTERN REGION.—																													
Argyll C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ayr C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ayr B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kilmarnock B.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..
Bute C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clackmannan C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Dunbarton C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Clydebank B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3
Dumbarton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	.	..	..	..	4
Dumfries C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dumfries B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kirkcudbright C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lanark C.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	..	..	..	..	5	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	14
Airdrie B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coatbridge B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Glasgow B.	9	59	..	3	5	86	..	6	..	1	..	14	..	..	5	160	..	2	3	4	41	..	34	5	..	..	..	..	15
Hamilton B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motherwell & Wishaw B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rutherglen B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Renfrew C.	..	..	..	..	..	12	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	..	..	..	7	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Greenock B.	..	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	10	..	..	1	5	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Paisley B.	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	..	3	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	1
Port-Glasgow B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling C.	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Falkirk B.	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Stirling B.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wigtown C.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL	9	77	..	3	5	114	..	14	..	1	1	17	..	..	5	262	17	3	3	6	87	..	75	10	..	..	1	..	41
GRAND TOTAL	10	109	..	3	5	137	..	24	1	1	2	76	7	..	7	316	22	7	3	9	124	..	115	19	..	..	3	..	58

NOTE. * Diseases so marked are not generally notifiable in Scotland

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RETURN OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES AND WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1955

RETURN OF NEW CLAIMS TO SICKNESS BENEFIT FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 27, 1955

TOWNS	Estimated Population at 31st Dec. 1954	Live Births*	Marriages	Deaths: Number Registered	Deaths: Transferred Out	Deaths: Transferred In	Deaths: Net Total Number	Deaths: Rate per 1000 of Estimated Population	Stillbirths	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 0-6 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: 7-27 days	Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Total under one year	Deaths from: Congenital Debility and Prematurity	Deaths from: Congenital Malformations	Deaths from: Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	Deaths from: Principal Epidemic § Diseases	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: All Forms	Deaths from: Tuberculosis: Respiratory System	Deaths from: Pneumonia	Deaths from: Other Respiratory Diseases	Deaths from: Malignant Neoplasms	Deaths from: Coronary Thrombosis	Deaths from: Violence	Deaths of Persons aged 65 years and over	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Highest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Absolute Lowest	Temperature ° Fahr.: Mean Temperature (average of all observations)	Rainfall in Inches	Hours of Bright Sunshine	Return of New Claims to Sickness Benefit in week ended 27th Dec. 1955 *
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)	(18)	(19)	(20)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	(25)	(26)	(27)	(28)	(29)	(30)	(31)
1. Glasgow	1,084,700	389	334	336	47	13	302	14.5	16	7	2	27	2	2	..	4	8	8	10	24	54	43	19	179	52	31	42.1	1.96	9.2	NOT AVAILABLE
2. Edinburgh	468,800	147	146	117	18	4	103	11.5	4	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	24	12	5	73	55	33	43.9	0.73	11.1	
3. Aberdeen	186,200	64	53	57	10	3	50	14.0	1	2	..	4	1	2	..	..	1	1	2	1	5	7	..	35	53	33	41.7	0.42	10.0	
4. Dundee	177,100	68	58	46	9	6	43	12.7	2	2	..	2	..	..	..	1	1	1	1	3	11	9	5	25	49	34	41.1	0.69	6.9	
5. Paisley	94,700	35	30	33	13	7	27	14.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	4	3	1	17	54	33	44.7	2.54	9.6	
6. Greenock	77,300	29	31	27	1	2	28	18.9	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	3	4	5	3	4	16	55	34	44.5	3.11	3.1	
7. Motherwell & Wishaw	69,500	38	20	17	3	7	21	15.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2	4	5	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	
8. Kirkcaldy	50,500	16	17	16	3	1	14	14.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	2	3	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	
9. Coatbridge	49,900	26	24	15	1	6	20	20.9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	3	2	10	..	..	..	..	..	
10. Dunfermline	45,100	19	14	14	2	..	12	13.9	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	9	54	31	42.9	0.97	9.4	
11. Clydebank	47,600	18	13	10	2	6	14	15.4	1	1	..	3	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	1	1	2	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	
12. Ayr	42,800	14	10	11	4	4	11	13.4	..	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	
13. Kilmarnock	43,100	18	21	18	2	2	18	21.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	3	..	11	54	27	43.4	1.88	7.6	
14. Perth	40,800	11	10	16	8	2	10	12.8	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	1	4	55	33	43.4	1.36	8.7	
15. Hamilton	40,700	18	25	3	..	3	6	7.7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	
16. Falkirk	37,200	14	13	18	4	..	14	19.6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	
17. Airdrie	31,900	15	12	4	..	2	6	9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	
TOTALS FOR 17 Towns Week ended Dec. 31, 1955.	2,587,900	939	831	758	127	68	699	14.1	27	15	2	45	3	5	..	6	15	15	26	47	119	103	40	432	55†	27†	43.1‡	1.52‡	8.4‡	
Dec. 24, 1955.	2,587,900	865	485	745	96	47	696	14.0	19	7	3	22	1	8	..	3	14	13	23	45	115	120	32	432	50†	16†	33.1‡	0.97‡	13.1‡	
Jan. 1, 1955.	2,586,800	844	810	708	99	72	681	13.7	23	20	3	37	3	8	..	4	9	9	24	31	100	124	26	417	53†	33†	44.6‡	0.46‡	3.3‡	

* Numbers of Births, Stillbirths and Deaths (including death rates) have been provisionally corrected by transfer to place of usual residence if in Scotland. † Weekly extremes. ‡ Weekly means.

**These figures represent the number of new claims made at Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance Offices in the towns named and include a number of claims made by insured persons resident in the landward

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